Gina Loring

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EDUCATION/TRAINING
Antioch University, M.F.A. candidate, (2011)
Spelman College, B.A. in English/Theatre
VONA writing workshop, University of San Francisco
Scene Study: Marla Gibbs, Vocal Training: Julie Christiensen
VO Training: Kalmenson & Kalmnenson, Lien/ Cowen Commercial and Theatre Workshop

AWARDS/ HONORS
American Embassy guest poet, Kuwait (2007, 2008), Russia (2010), West Africa (2010)
Winner, Queen Latifah's CoverGirl Persona Contest , 2010 (for female hip hop artists)
Top ranking female poet in the nation (National Poetry Slam, 2002)
Bibby Scholarship Recipient to the Idyllwild Poetry Intensive Workshop
Presidential Scholarship recipient, Spelman College

TELEVISION
HBO's Def Poetry (Featured Poet, seasons 3 & 5)
BET'S Lyric Café (Featured Poet), BET's The Way We Do It (Featured Vocalist)
Good Morning Kuwait (Featured Poet/ Vocalist)
MTV Russia News feature, Morning Express Show, Yekaterinburg, Russia
Mind Of Mencia (Background Vocals/ Actress)
Rockstar INXS (Background Vocals)
ABC News feature ("Declare Yourself" spokesperson)

COMMERCIALS
Women in Film PSA (Featured Poet/ Actress)
Patti LaBelle PSA (Background Vocals)

MUSIC
De La Soul's Album "Are You In?" (Featured Poet)
Natalie Cole Promo (Background Vocals)
The Brand New Heavies Album "We Won't Stop" (Featured Poet/ Vocalist/ Songwriter)
Debbie Allen Dance Festival (Featured Vocalist)
NAACP Image Awards Banquet (Featured Vocalist)
Resident Performer at The Temple Bar and Zanzibar (Los Angeles)
Featured Vocalist in Paris, France at Opus Café, Café Universel and Notre Dame de la Criox

THEATER
Norman Lear's "Declare Yourself" Tour (Featured Poet/ Writer/ Actress)
HBO Def Poetry All Stars (Featured Poet)

INTERNET
KCET.com's "Children of Slam" (Featured Poet/ Vocalist)
AOL.com's "Black Voices Poetry Café (Featured Poet)

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With a rich, soulful voice, thought provoking lyrics, and a powerful stage presence, Gina Loring is in a league of her own. With a strong following in both Los Angeles and Atlanta, Gina's music is reminiscent of classics like Nina Simone and Billie Holiday, with the innovation and talent of a Lauryn Hill or a Jill Scott. One of very few artists who seamlessly balance music and poetry, both of Gina's talents are equally strong enough to stand on their own. As a guest poet of the American Embassy's cultural envoy program, Gina has traveled to Kuwait City, Kuwait, and Yekaterinburg Russia, and is scheduled to travel to West Africa this May. According to the American Embassy and Kuwaiti records, Gina made history as the first American poet/ hip hop artist to perform in Kuwait. While abroad in both Kuwait and Russia, she made several television appearances, performed her original poetry and music to packed crowds, and conducted creative writing workshops for high school and University students. Among her other accolades, Gina was recently honored to win Queen Latifah's CoverGirl Persona Contest for female hip hop artists.

The top ranking female poet at the 2002 National Poetry Slam, she was featured on two seasons of HBO's Russell Simmons' Def Poetry and BET's Lyric Cafe. As a writer/ performer on legendary TV and film producer Norman Lear's nationwide "Declare Yourself" tour, she helped register thousands of voters, and as a creative writing teacher at Community Harvest Charter School in Los Angeles, spent two years facilitating creative writing and poetry classes with teens. She is featured on De La Soul's most recent album "Are You In?", the Brand New Heavies album "We Won't Stop", and has been mentored by such artists as Suzan-Lori Parks, Saul Williams, Mos Def , Pharoahe Monch, and Marla Gibbs.

Gina wrote and starred in a currently airing *Women in Film* PSA and was awarded the prestigious Bibby scholarship to the Idyllwild Intensive poetry workshop, where she studied under Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Natasha Trethewey. Gina attended the VONA writing workshop at the University of San Francisco, and spent a month in Nice, France, studying at the France Langue School. While visiting Paris, France, she was warmly received at performances at Notre Dame de la Croix, Opus Café and Café Universel. Adding to her teaching credits, Gina served on the faculty at Hope Springs Institute's Women's Poetry Retreat, where she facilitated writing workshops, sat on several panels and performed in their fundraiser show.

A graduate of Spelman College, Gina is currently working towards an MFA in creative writing at Antioch University. A gifted actress, Gina starred in a production of George C. Wolfe's "The Colored Museum" and various theatrical shorts during her time in the Atlanta/ Tri-State areas. A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Gina would like to follow in the footsteps of such pioneers as Ruby Dee and Lena Horne in positively contributing through her art. With influences ranging from classic Hip Hop to Sonia Sanchez, her highly reflective lyrics demonstrate her ability to reveal the intimate. She is the daughter of celebrated Shakespearean actor William Marshall, (Best known as "Blacula") cousin of Oscar nominated actor Paul Winfield and Jazz composer/musician Teddy Edwards Sr., and she would like to dedicate her work to their memory. Above all else, Gina lives, creates and moves forward in honor of the life of her brother, Malcolm Marshall.

College/University Performance List

University of Miami

St. Martin's, Seattle Washington

Jacksonville University

Missouri Western State

Webster University, St. Louis Missouri

University of South Mississippi

Polytechnic University, Brooklyn New York

Oakwood School (high school) North Hollywood, Ca.

University of the Pacific, Stockton, Ca.

Converse College, South Carolina

Mary Baldwin College, Virginia

Bennett College, Greensboro, NC

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

U. of South Carolina, Spartenburg

U of Alabama, Birmingham

Old Dominion, Norfolk, Virginia

University of Southern California

Wichita State, Wichita Kansas

UNC Wilmington

UNC Charlotte

UC Santa Cruz

University of Cincinnati

Northeastern University, Boston MA

University of Illinois, Springfield

Florida Atlantic University

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

Hope College, Holland, Michigan

Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio

Ohio State University—Mansfield

Michigan State University—Flint

John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio

Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio

Aurora University, Grand Rapids, Michigan

University of Central Missouri

American Jazz Museum, Kansas City, Missouri

Florida International University—Biscayne Bay

Texas State University

UC Santa Cruz (Returning)

Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana

Ural State University, Yekaterinburg, Russia

Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (Returning)