

# Vienna Carroll

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Music
<i>Folk First: Black Roots Music</i> - A musical journey of early African-American folk music - work songs, prison songs, spirituals - with band consisting of vocals, washboard, fiddle, guitar. Connections to contemporary music. Harlem Arts Festival, 2014 Main Stage, Sisters Uptown Bookstore, African Diaspora Mart, Gotham Academy viennacarroll.com
Featured Soloist, <i>First Step To Freedom: Emancipation Proclamation 150th Celebration</i> , New York Public Library Schomburg Center for Research In Black Culture
<i>Vienna Carroll Jazz Trio</i> - working band in metro NYC, eg. Living Room, Indian Road Cafe, Wildcliff Music Festival, New Leaf Cafe, Priory, private parties
<i>Singin Wid A Sword In Ma Han</i> - Producer and soloist on CD of Spirituals from the play <i>Singin</i> with percussion - bells, sticks, hambone and pots - by Newman Taylor Baker.

Theater	Part	Director, Location, Date
Playwright, Executive Producer <b>Singin Wid a Sword            In Ma Han</b> singinwidasword.com  Winner <i>Audience Favorite Award</i> , NY International Fringe Festival  ★ ★ ★ ★ <i>Time Out New York</i> "Captivating Docudrama"	Topper	Dir: Keith Johnston •West Harlem Library Series;•Goodrich Underground Railroad Museum, York PA; •1 <sup>st</sup> NYC Underground Railroad Festival; •New York Public Library Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture; •NYC International Fringe Festival; •Mt Vernon Public Library; •Newark Museum; •Hudson River Museum; •Medgar Evers College, CUNY; •Brooklyn Ethical Society; •Oheb Shalom Congregation, So Orange, NJ; •Staten Island Tech HS; •HarlemStage; •Flatbush-Tompkins Congregational Church, Brooklyn; •UNITE union Christmas Show •Richmond Shepard Theater, NYC; •Seasons One-Act Festival, Brooklyn 2009 - 2014
Deepest Man On Earth	Rhonda	Dir: Mark Rayment, Three Legged Dog Theater. July 2014
19 Secrets	Mother Ross	Dir: Cynthia Stevens, Shetler Theater, NYC - April 2011
Expanding Wing...	Woman One	Dir: Nikki Williams, York College Theater - Mar 2009
Middle Passage	Sarah	Dir: Judith Samuel, Hudson River Pinkster Festival - May 2006
Ise Much a Man	Griot/Vocalist	Dir: Sandra Daley - Mar 2006
Wildlife	Bullet	Dir: Ramona King, Tribeca Performing Arts Center - Oct 2005
Juneteenth Community Film	Vocalist	Dir: Carolyn Johnson - Nov 2004
Bessie	Lead (Annie)	Dir: Aaron Ingram, Center Stage - Jul 2004
The View From Her Window	Lead (Sally)	Dir: Aaron Ingram, Center Stage - Jul 2003
Brown Women Who Fly	Woman In Green	Dir: Nikki Williams, New Federal Theater - Jun 1998

## Production

*Executive Producer, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual NYC Underground Railroad Festival, Juneteenth 2010*

Initiated partnerships with certified UGRR site Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims. Assisted by Brooklyn Borough President's Office, recruited major partners Brooklyn Historical Society and Weeksville Heritage Society. Coordinated all publicity materials, venue logistics and budget. Developed program which included site tour and slideshow, NY UGRR historians, quiltmakers, national resources and the play, *Singin*. Listed in the NYTimes and recorded by WBGO-FM. Achieved 150% projected audience (sold out).  
undergroundrailroadfestival.org

## Film

Black Folk Don't	Interviewee	Dir: Angela Tucker, April 2011
Common Grounds	Ms Charlotte	Dir: Antonio Battle, May 2011
Unfold	Ms Tight	Dir: Ingrid Chikhaoui, July 2011

## Television

The 2-2	Woman Shopper	Dir: Ralph Hemecker, May 2012
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## Commercials

Thermalin	Madelene	Dir: Billy Shebar, Nov 2012
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## Training

American Theatre of Harlem 1998 - present

HB Studios 2005 - 2006

Master classes:

- Leon Thomas - jazz yodeling, rhythms, 1994- 1999
- Olu Dara - jazz/blues harmonica, guitar, 1990 - 1995
- Edwina Lee Tyler - African percussion, 1984 - 1987

Jazz Vocal Coach - Nanette Natal, 1987 - 1992

Opera Ebony - Wayne Sanders, 1985 - 1987

Church Choirs - AME, Pentecostal, Baptist, Salvation Army

## Education

Yale University, 1976 B.A. - African American Studies/Political Science

### Special Skills

Herbalism, Gardening, Aromatherapy, Dandelion Wine Making, Hiking, Computer Teacher, Harmonica, Fencing, Green Jobs Instructor. Small Business Accounting, Marketing.

## Awards

West Harlem Development Corporation grant - March 2013

Harlem Arts Alliance grant - July 2011

The Field Artist Residency, Berkshires - Aug 2010

Brooklyn Arts Council grant - Apr 2010

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council grant - Feb 2010

Theatermania Audience Favorite Award, NYC International Fringe Festival - Aug 2009

Puffin Foundation grants (2) - Sep 2008

Harlem Arts Alliance grant - May 2008