



Kenya

Singer



Songwriter



Musician



Entrepreneur



Kenya's

BIOGRAPHY

Singer/songwriter Kenya delivers smooth, soulful vocals with a jazz influence that creates a contemporary groove. Kenya's music has charted in the US Top 30 Billboard Urban Adult Contemporary charts, Top 50 Smooth Jazz independent charts and top 10 on the independent UK Soul Chart in which her previous album *My Own Skin* (2015) reached the #1 spot for four consecutive weeks. Similarly, she reached the #1 spot in Chicago's R&B/Soul ReverbNation chart (August 2018) and was the 2014 recipient of the Black Women in Jazz "Best Black Female 'Rising Star' Jazz Artist" award. Opening for such recording artists as Lalah Hathaway, Rachelle Ferrell, Raul Midon, Mint Condition's Stokley Williams and Algebra Blessett, Kenya delights diverse crowds with her melodic tone and engaging stage presence. A graduate of Howard University and former member of the university's Howard Gospel Choir, Kenya is now based in Chicago and has performed internationally at noteworthy venues and festivals including Essence Festival, Capital Jazz Super Cruise, Magic City Smooth Jazz in the Park Series in Alabama, Washington D.C.'s Blues Alley, Denver's Dazzle Jazz Club, The Biltmore in LA, Groove NYC, Atlanta's St. James Live, The Promontory in Chicago in addition to a variety of other Chicago area venues and showcases, London's Jazz Cafe, Manchester, UK's Band on the Wall and a variety of other international settings. Kenya's most recent collaboration with legendary smooth jazz saxophonist, Gerald Albright is a rearrangement of the classic song "My Favorite Things" and is a stellar example of her progressive musical ideas and talent. Kenya's version is simply titled "Favorite Things" and scheduled to release mid November 2018. Her impressive vocals along with Gerald Albright's signature sound is sure to draw in new listeners and fans as she prepares to release her new upcoming project "S.H.E." the fall of 2019.

Kenya is more than a musician- she is an entrepreneur who inspires not only those who follow her music, but also those artists whom she mentors and coaches within her artist development agency, Creating Crimson. In addition, Kenya started and co-hosts a weekly podcast, "Making Money in the Music Business."





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DISCOGRAPHY

[Favorite Things](#) ft. Gerald Albright Single 2018

[My Own Skin](#) 2015

[Let Me](#) Single 2015

[Wednesday Girl \(Radio Version\)](#) 2014

[Be Here](#) ft. Kloud 9 Single 2014

[Never the Less](#) Single 2013

[I Can't Help It \(Sugaboom Remix\)](#) Single 2013

[Lovely Day](#) 2012

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LIVE PERFORMANCE, MUSIC & EPK VIDEOS

[My Own Skin Live](#)
The Hideaway, London, UK

[Makeusmile Live](#)
The Promontory, Chicago, IL USA

[My Own Skin EPK](#)

[Skin Deep: The Collection EPK](#)
(Includes Producers' quotes)

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Ebony.com
Essence.com
N'Digo

SoulandJazzandFunk.com (UK)
SoulTracks.com
Soul Train

HIGHLIGHTS

My Own Skin Album 2015

#1 UK Soul Chart 4 weeks

#1 Solar Radio Sweet Rhythm Chart 2 weeks

#1 UK's Colourful Radio

Be Here Single #28 R&B Billboard Chart

Let Me Single Top 40 Billboard Chart

Let Me (Smooth Jazz Mix) Top 20 Smooth
Jazz Radio Charts

Best Rising Jazz Vocalist for Black Women
Recipient (Jazz.org)

Opened for Grammy Award-winning artist
Lalah Hathaway & Rachelle Ferrell

Performed for Essence Music Festival 2015

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"Kenya's music is very sophisticated...and includes complex and simple rhythms while creating an intimate feeling for listeners to experience." - Bernie Grundman, sound engineer for Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, Prince's *Purple Rain*, and Steely Dan's *Aja*.

