

Joan R. Cartwright, M.A.

Curriculum Vitae

Born December 7, 1947, in Kew Gardens, NY, Joan Cartwright is the consummate musician. She composes, performs, lectures, produces, researches, and documents Jazz and Blues musicians and composers. In 2007, she founded [WOMEN IN JAZZ SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.](#), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with 260 members that promote women musicians, globally, through contacts, articles, interviews, newsletters, events, courses, clinics, workshops, lectures, research, history, archives, websites, film, audio/video recording, concerts, performances, and recognition. From 2011 to 2014, WIJSF released [four compilation CDs](#) of 34 female composers. Since 2008, Joan has hosted a weekly radio podcast - MUSICWOMAN - featuring women composers at www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman.



During her 40-year career, Joan performed with Lou Donaldson, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Freddie Hubbard, Dorothy Donegan, Philly Joe Jones, Shirley Scott, Trudy Pitts, Carline Ray, Bertha Hope, Kim Clarke, and hundreds of musicians in the U.S., Caribbean, Europe, and Asia! [Diva Joan Cartwright](#) toured five continents and 16 countries, including the U.S.A., eight European countries, Brazil, Mexico, Ghana, Gambia, South Africa, Jamaica, China, and Japan, with her swinging brand of Jazz and Blues. She is a composer and her anthology [IN PURSUIT OF A MELODY](#) contains 40 original compositions and lyrics to standard songs: "A Night in Tunisia" by Dizzy Gillespie, "Blue Bossa" by Kenny Dorham, "Tune Up" by Miles Davis, and "Bessie's Blues" by John Coltrane. ([LYRICS](#)). Her composition "Sweet Return" was recorded on Atlantic Records by Freddie Hubbard and the Kool Jazz-All Stars of 1983, featuring Joanne Brackeen. This composition is featured in the [Freddie Hubbard Song Book](#), as well.

Joan's anthology also contains two lectures given to over 10,000 students, in U.S., Switzerland, Sicily, China, and Japan: [Amazing Musicwomen](#) and [So, You Want To Be A Singer?](#) Her workshops, funded by grants from BankAtlantic, Educate Tomorrow, Arts4Learning, Broward Schools, and Broward Cultural Division, are dynamic and educational, highlighting the pitfalls and benefits of the music business. She insists that, "Knowing music theory is a step in the right direction for any singer who truly wants to excel in the world of music!"

Diva JC names any ensemble of musicians she works with *Jazz Hotline* because the music swings and it's always HOT! Her most famous Blues are "(I Don't Want) Nobody's Husband", "Oh, Baby!" and "Treat Me Right and You Don't Have To Marry Me". Known as the "Hip Hop Mom of Atlanta", Joan performed "Jazz Meets Hip Hop" with her daughter's hip hop/soul group - Caustic Dames, in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Italy, France, Switzerland, and England. Hear Joan on [Atlanta Has Spoken](#), a compilation of spoken word artists. Be sure to hear her track *Talkin' That Jazz*.

Joan Cartwright is available for bookings around the world. Her knowledge of music and professional attitude enable Joan to travel alone and work with professional musicians,

wherever she is contracted to perform. Ms. Cartwright presented [Amazing Musicwomen](#) at York College, in Jamaica, NY, on March 28, 2008, and March 4, 2010. She was a guest of the International Women in Jazz Festival on April 5, 2008, in New York. On February 26, 2010, she performed in Kingston, Jamaica, for the U.S. Embassy at the Blues on the Green Concert. On March 10, 2013, her [Amazing Musicwomen Ensemble](#) of 8 women performed at the Sunrise Civic Center in Sunrise, Florida. She was in concert and workshop presenter for the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society in Freeport, Grand Bahamas, on February 7-8, 2014. [See attached list of other performances.]

In addition to music performance, lectures, media, CD production, marketing, advertisement, publishing, public speaking, public relations, journalism, authoring books, articles, columns, feature stories, blogs, newsletters, and creating websites, Joan has extensive experience in computers: Word processing, Information Technology, website design, HTML, Front Page, FTP, Excel, PowerPoint, and Photoshop.

Joan taught at Florida International University, Broward Community College, LaSalle University, and K-12 level at Eagle Charter Academy. Presently, she is a PhD candidate at Northcentral University in Business/Marketing. She is a frequent [blogger](#) and contributed to South Florida Times, In Focus Magazine, Global Woman Magazine, and [Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora](#). Joan's paper "Conscious Inclusion of Women Musicians" is published at [Versita](#), was presented at the *British and American Studies Conference*, in 2012, in Romania, and is posted at [Fondazione Adkins-Chiti: Donne in Musica's](#) website. Her website www.fyicomminc.com is a plethora of information about business, jazz, blues, music, art, spirit, women, humanity, videos, mp3s, history, politics, religion, community and more.

For 25 years, Joan worked in the legal field as a secretary, word processor, legal assistant, and legal file archivist. She owned a legal secretarial service in 1990, before going on tour for eight years in Europe, where she recorded her debut CD, [Feelin' Good](#) was first distributed by Tirenio Records, in Milan, Italy, and is now available on I AM Records in the U.S.A. Her second CD, [IN PURSUIT OF A MELODY](#) is distributed solely by I AM Records. Joan is a writer/publisher with ASCAP. One of the only women in the world to have published a song book, Joan's memoirs, poetry, and other books are available at www.lulu.com.

Joan's goal is to build an **Archive of Women's Music** (in all genres) with a theater and staff with public and private funding. The recipient of several [notable awards](#), Joan will be honored on May 2, 2014, by Black Women in Jazz & Fine Arts Awards with the *Lady Jazz Master Award*, in Atlanta, GA.

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- www.wijsf.org
- www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman
- www.redroom.com/member/divajc

WIJSF Activities 2007 - 2013

1. Our website, www.wijsf.com offers a monthly newsletter, a directory of Jazzwomen, event updates and links to other organizations and networks: www.musicwoman.ning.com. MUSICWOMAN RADIO airs Thursdays @ 4 p.m. EST with host Diva JC, featuring women composers at www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman
2. October 22, 2014, *Amazing Musicwomen*, The Arts Reporter Web TV Show, www.mimijohnson.net
3. July 23, 2014, *Amazing Musicwomen*, The Arts Reporter Web TV Show, www.mimijohnson.net
4. May 21, 2014, *Amazing Musicwomen*, The Arts Reporter Web TV Show, www.mimijohnson.net
5. May 2, 2014, Black Women in Jazz & Fine Arts Awards, Rialto Theater, Atlanta, GA
6. March 24, 2014, WIJSF 7th Anniversary & CD Release Party, Fort Lauderdale, FL
7. March 23, 2014, Joan Cartwright & Jazz Hotline, Coral Springs Ctr for the Arts, Coral Springs, FL
8. November 7, 2013, WIJSF Fundraiser, Delray Oaks West Rec Center, Delray Beach, FL
9. March 10, 2013, Amazing Musicwomen, Sunrise Civic Center Theater, Sunrise, FL
10. February 2, 2013, Amazing Musicwomen @ Bienes Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL
11. November 14, 2012, Community Vocal Ensemble @ DCA, Fort Lauderdale, FL
12. January 25, 2012, [Parkway Middle School](#) @ BCPA for SEAS Program
13. February 5, 2012 - Amazing Musicwomen, Arts Garage, Delray Beach, FL
14. January 25, 2012 - From Bebop to Doo Wop to Hip Hop @ BCPA, FL
15. May 26, 2011 - Amazing Musicwomen @ Coral Springs Museum, FL
16. May 14, 2011 - Jazz For Peace Fundraiser, Rick DellaRatta, Fort Lauderdale, FL
17. February 5, 2011 - *Jazz Under The Stars*, Ilene Liebermann Botanical Gardens, Lauderhill, FL
18. Jan 26, 27, 28, 2011 - Community Musicwomen @ 4 Senior Centers, Miami Beach, FL
19. January 23, 2011 - First Listening Party for new compilation CD featuring 10 female composers at SweetFace HighFashion Boutique, Tamarac, FL
20. MUSICWOMAN INTERNET RADIO SHOW airs weekly, Thursday @ 4-4:30 p.m., featuring women who compose and perform their own music and men who support them. www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman
21. October 24, 2010, *Lauderhill Jazz Jam*, Lauderhill, FL, funded by Broward Cultural Division
22. September 24, 2010 - GRAPES FOR GRADES, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
23. July 9, 12, 19, 2010 - BankAtlantic Summer SmARTS Program @ 3 Elementary Schools
24. June 6, 2010 - 20th Anniversary of SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, Fort Lauderdale, FL
25. May 8 - 26, 2010 - COMMUNITY MUSICWOMEN panel about *The Business of Music* at ArtServe, Walker Elementary and Dillard High; and concerts at Cantor Senior Center in Sunrise, and Rice Bowl in Lauderhill, FL
26. May 8-15, 2010 - COMMUNITY MUSICWOMEN, Lauderhill, FL
27. May 4, 2010 - *Amazing Musicwomen* at Lorah Park Elem., Miami, FL, Arts 4 Learning
28. March 4, 2010 - *Amazing Musicwomen* at York College, Jamaica, New York
29. March 6, 2010 - *Amazing Musicwomen* at Langston Hughes Library, Corona, New York
30. March 7, 2010 - WIJSF, INC. is partnered with Women in Jazz, Inc. for the 8th Annual LADY GOT CHOPS - Women's Month Jazz Festival - The Shrine, New York, NY
31. February 23-27, 2010 - U.S. Embassy *Blues on the Green* Concert at Hope Gardens, Kingston, Jamaica, and visits to two primary schools

32. January 14, 2010 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - Old Dillard Museum, Fort Lauderdale, FL
33. November 21, 2009 - Lauderdale Jazz Series - 3500 NW 15th Street, Lauderdale, FL
34. October 19, 2009 - Lauderdale Jazz Series - 3500 NW 15th Street, Lauderdale, FL
35. August 31, 2009 - Fundraiser, Sweet Tomatoes, 6245 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL
36. April 23, 2009 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library & Historical Museum
37. April 9, 2009 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - Oakland Park Library, Oakland Park, FL
38. March 7, 2009 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - AARLCC, Fort Lauderdale, FL
39. February 3, 2009 - *Amazing Musicwomen* at Miami Dade Community College
40. March 28, 2008 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - York College, Jamaica, New York
41. April 11 - 21, 2007 - ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE FOR 2007 - PAN AFRICAN BOOKFEST
42. April 13, 2007 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - Dillard High School
43. April 16, 2007 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - Wm. Dandy Middle School
44. April 18, 2007 - *Amazing Musicwomen* - OMNI, BCC North Campus