

# Joan R. Cartwright, M.A.

## Curriculum Vitae

Born on December 7, 1947, in Kew Gardens, NY, Joan Cartwright composes, performs, lectures, produces, researches, and documents Jazz and Blues musicians and composers. She founded [WOMEN IN JAZZ SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.](#), in 2007, as a non-profit organization promoting women musicians, globally. WIJSF released [five compilation CDs](#) of 52 songs from 48 women composers. Since 2008, Joan hosted MUSICWOMAN Radio online, with women composers at [www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman).



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During her 40-year career, Joan performed with Jazz giants Lou Donaldson, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Freddie Hubbard, Dorothy Donegan, Philly Joe Jones, Shirley Scott, Trudy Pitts, Carline Ray, Paula Hampton, Bertha Hope, Kim Clarke, Giovanni Mazzarino, and hundreds of musicians in the U.S., Caribbean, Europe, and Asia! [Diva Joan Cartwright](#) toured five continents and 20 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. Her anthology [IN PURSUIT OF A MELODY](#) contains 35 poems, 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](#)). Freddie Hubbard and the Kool Jazz-All Stars of 1983 recorded her composition *Sweet Return* on Atlantic Records. Also, *Sweet Return* is featured in the [Freddie Hubbard Song Book](#). The [Joan Cartwright Song Book](#) is the only Jazz and Blues song book published by a woman.

Joan's anthology also contains two lectures given to thousands of students, in the U.S.A., Switzerland, Sicily, China, and Japan: [Amazing Musicwomen](#) and [So, You Want To Be A Singer?](#) Funded by grants from BankAtlantic, Educate Tomorrow, Arts4Learning, Broward Schools, Miami Beach Cultural Division, Broward Cultural Division, and the U.S. Embassy in Jamaica, W.I. Joan's workshops 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!" Her goal is to publish and share her book *Best Business Practices for Women Musicians* (2016).

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". She is known as the "Godmother of Jazz" and the "Hip Hop Mom of Atlanta" because she 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, featuring her track *Talkin' That Jazz*.

Joan's knowledge of music and professional attitude enable her to work with professional musicians in other cities and countries. She 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. In February 2010, she performed in Kingston, Jamaica, for the U.S. Embassy at *Blues on the Green*. In March 2013, her [Amazing Musicwomen Ensemble](#) of eight women performed at the Sunrise Civic Center in Sunrise, Florida. She performed and presented a workshop for the Grand Bahama Performing Arts Society in Freeport, Grand Bahamas, in February 2014. In October-November 2014, Joan's quartet was featured at Jazz on 4, on the Allure of the Seas of Royal Caribbean Cruises. Joan is an ASCAP publisher and songwriter, and a member of Women in Music, in New York. Her organization WIJSF is an International Honor Committee member of Fondazione Adkins Chiti: Donne in Musica in Rome, Italy, and Women in Music Serbia.

Joan and her daughter Mimi Johnson own [www.mjtvnetwork.info](http://www.mjtvnetwork.info). In addition to acting, singing, lecturing, media creation, CD production, marketing, advertising, publishing, public speaking, public relations, and writing, Joan has extensive experience in computer programs including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop, website and graphic design, social media, and SEO.

Joan held workshops at Florida International University, Broward Community College, LaSalle University, Miami Dade College, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Music at Eagle Charter Academy. Presently, she is pursuing a DBA at Northcentral University in Business Marketing to graduate in 2016. She is a frequent [blogger](#) and wrote for *South Florida Times*, *In Focus Magazine*, *Global Woman Magazine*, and *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora*. Her paper *Conscious Inclusion of Women Musicians*, published at [Versita](#), was presented at the **British and American Studies Conference**, in 2012, in Romania, and is posted at [www.donneinmusic.org](http://www.donneinmusic.org). She presented her paper *Blues Women: First Civil Rights Workers* at the 99<sup>th</sup> ASALH Conference in Memphis, TN, in September 2014, and will present her essay *Jazz: The Unmasked Rhetoric* at the 100th ASALH Conference in Atlanta in September 2015. Her website [www.fyicomminc.com](http://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 as a legal secretary, word processor, legal assistant, and legal file archivist in NY and FL. She owned JJ FAST, a legal secretarial service in 1990, before going on tour for eight years in Europe, where she recorded her debut CD, [Feelin' Good](#) (1995) first distributed by Tirenio Records, in Milan, Italy, and 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 aims to build an **Archive of Women's Music** with a theater and staff through public and private funding. The recipient of several [notable awards](#), Joan was the **ABWA Spirit of Excellence Music Leader of the Year** of South Broward, Florida, in 2011, and honored as **Lady Jazz Master** by Black Women in Jazz & Fine Arts Awards in Atlanta, Georgia, in May 2014.

- [www.fyicomminc.com](http://www.fyicomminc.com)
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## WIJSF Activities 2007 – 2014

1. Our website, [www.wijsf.com](http://www.wijsf.com) offers a monthly newsletter, a directory of Jazzwomen, event updates and links to other organizations and networks. MUSICWOMAN RADIO airs Thursdays @ 4 p.m. EST with host Diva JC, featuring women composers at [www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman)
2. July 23, 2014, **Amazing Musicwomen**, The Arts Reporter Web TV Show, [www.mimijohnson.net](http://www.mimijohnson.net)
3. May 21, 2014, **Amazing Musicwomen**, The Arts Reporter Web TV Show, [www.mimijohnson.net](http://www.mimijohnson.net)
4. May 2, 2014, Black Women in Jazz & Fine Arts Awards, Rialto Theater, Atlanta, GA
5. March 24, 2014, WIJSF 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & CD Release Party, Fort Lauderdale, FL
6. March 23, 2014, Joan Cartwright & Jazz Hotline, Coral Springs Ctr for the Arts, Coral Springs, FL
7. November 7, 2013, WIJSF Fundraiser, Delray Oaks West Rec Center, Delray Beach, FL
8. March 10, 2013, Amazing Musicwomen, Sunrise Civic Center Theater, Sunrise, FL
9. February 2, 2013, Amazing Musicwomen @ Bienes Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL
10. November 14, 2012, Community Vocal Ensemble @ DCA, Fort Lauderdale, FL
11. January 25, 2012, [Parkway Middle School](#) @ BCPA for SEAS Program
12. February 5, 2012 – Amazing Musicwomen, Arts Garage, Delray Beach, FL
13. January 25, 2012 – From Bebop to Doo Wop to Hip Hop @ BCPA, FL
14. May 26, 2011 – Amazing Musicwomen @ Coral Springs Museum, FL
15. May 14, 2011 – Jazz For Peace Fundraiser, Rick DellaRatta, Fort Lauderdale, FL
16. February 5, 2011 – **Jazz Under The Stars**, Ilene Liebermann Botanical Gardens, Lauderhill, FL

17. Jan 26, 27, 28, 2011 – Community Musicwomen @ 4 Senior Centers, Miami Beach, FL
18. January 23, 2011 – First Listening Party for new compilation CD featuring 10 female composers at SweetFace HighFashion Boutique, Tamarac, FL
19. 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](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/musicwoman)
20. October 24, 2010, **Lauderhill Jazz Jam**, Lauderhill, FL, funded by Broward Cultural Division
21. September 24, 2010 – GRAPES FOR GRADES, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
22. July 9, 12, 19, 2010 – BankAtlantic Summer SmARTS Program @ 3 Elementary Schools
23. June 6, 2010 – 20th Anniversary of SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, Fort Lauderdale, FL
24. 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
25. May 8-15, 2010 – COMMUNITY MUSICWOMEN, Lauderhill, FL
26. May 4, 2010 - **Amazing Musicwomen** at Lorah Park Elem., Miami, FL, Arts 4 Learning
27. March 4, 2010 – **Amazing Musicwomen** at York College, Jamaica, New York
28. March 6, 2010 – **Amazing Musicwomen** at Langston Hughes Library, Corona, New York
29. 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
30. February 23-27, 2010 – U.S. Embassy **Blues on the Green** Concert at Hope Gardens, Kingston, Jamaica, and visits to two primary schools
31. January 14, 2010 – **Amazing Musicwomen** – Old Dillard Museum, Fort Lauderdale, FL
32. November 21, 2009 – Lauderhill Jazz Series – 3500 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Lauderhill, FL
33. October 19, 2009 – Lauderhill Jazz Series – 3500 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Lauderhill, FL
34. August 31, 2009 – Fundraiser, Sweet Tomatoes, 6245 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL
35. April 23, 2009 - **Amazing Musicwomen** - Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library & Historical Museum
36. April 9, 2009 - **Amazing Musicwomen** – Oakland Park Library, Oakland Park, FL
37. March 7, 2009 - **Amazing Musicwomen** - AARLCC, Fort Lauderdale, FL
38. February 3, 2009 - **Amazing Musicwomen** at Miami Dade Community College
39. March 28, 2008 - **Amazing Musicwomen** – York College, Jamaica, New York
40. April 11 - 21, 2007 - ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE FOR 2007 - PAN AFRICAN BOOKFEST
41. April 13, 2007 - **Amazing Musicwomen** – Dillard High School
42. April 16, 2007 - **Amazing Musicwomen** – Wm. Dandy Middle School
43. April 18, 2007 - **Amazing Musicwomen** – OMNI, BCC North Campus