

# Kijana

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Kijana Wiseman, M.Ed. is a versatile performer of theatrical and communicative arts. An award-winning lyric coloratura soprano with a 3.5 octave range, Kijana has been performing since she was four years old--professionally since the age of nine. She has won the City of Houston Talent Competition and been named the national APCA 2002 Best College Performing Artist of the Year. Her interactive one-woman show, The Griot, has been named the Best College Diversity Program for 2001 and 2002.

Kijana began her theatrical career as a child actress at Houston's Theatre Inc. and Alley Theatre where she held many lead roles in musicals and plays. She received her BFA in Theatre from the University of Houston and her Masters, specializing in African Theatre, as a result of joint studies at Texas Southern University and the University of Liberia, West Africa. Kijana lived in Liberia, for 6 years, first as a Peace Corps Volunteer, working and performing with the National Liberian Cultural Troupe, then as a performer, model and TV host of "Under the Palm Tree with Kijana" (for 3 years) on



ELBC-IV. She sang with Mariam Makeba, Hugh Masakela and, upon returning to America, for several years with the Houston Symphony Chorus, The WABC Workshop Chorus, The Oratorio Society's Masterworks Chorus and as a Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Roster Artist.

Kijana's finely tuned voice makes most audiences think she is a lip syncing with a CD when they first hear her. She has a working songlist comprised of hundreds of jazz / pop / vaudeville / showtunes and international songs with tracks or live accompaniment and has appeared in over a dozen countries on the American, African and European continents. She has performed as "The Griot" at over 300 venues in America and Europe.



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## Shows:

Offerings are available with tracks and live musicians and as a part of Kijana's speciality programs: "The Griot", "HeartSongs" plus special music for Weddings, Funerals, Banquets, Parties, Receptions, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, MLK Day Freedom Songs and a smattering of songs in select foreign languages ... just ask for your favorites. Kijana reads music, is a quick study...and her 3.5 octave range can probably accommodate you!

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## Kijana Wiseman, M.Ed. Songlist and Audio Demos

### ← "PUT YOUR FEET UP"

A 1 minute Mp3 excerpt from the 2008 opening of a live show of "The Griot" as written and performed by Kijana at colleges and corporate venues around the world. The purpose of this song is to celebrate the unity of mankind. The text and original soundtrack are created by Kijana.

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## A Select Songlist...

The following songs are available on tracks. Additional offerings are available with live musicians and as a part of Kijana's speciality programs: "The Griot", Christian Spirituals and special music for Weddings, Funerals, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, MLK Day Freedom Songs and a smattering of songs in select foreign languages ... just ask for your favorites. Kijana reads music, is a quick study...and can probably accommodate you!

**Click the highlighted links below to hear a sample of the song indicated...**

'Round Midnight  
Always & Forever  
**America the Beautiful**

If I Ain't Got You  
If I Loved You  
Isn't It Romantic

Slow Hand  
Smooth (Santana)  
Someone to Watch Over Me

### At Last

As Time Goes By  
Ave Maria (1 verse)  
Beat It  
Beauty and the Beast  
**Because You Loved Me**  
Being Alive  
**Believe Me (Original)**  
Black Coffee  
Boogie Shoes  
Break Up to Make Up  
Bridge Over Troubled Water  
Bye, Bye Blackbird  
Call Me Irresponsible  
Can't Help Loving That Man of Mine  
Caught Up In The Rapture  
Chapel Of Love  
Cognocenti  
Come Rain Or Come Shine  
Come See About Me  
Crazy  
Cry Me a River  
Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me  
Don't Cry for me Argentina  
Don't Get Around Much Anymore  
Don't Know Why  
Don't Worry, Be Happy  
Easy  
Evergreen  
Fever  
**Fields of Gold**  
Fire  
First Time Ever I Saw Your Face  
Fly Me to the Moon  
From This Moment On  
Get Here  
Girl From Ipanema  
God Bless the Chile'  
Good Morning Headache  
Greatest Love of All  
Hello Dolly  
Hello, Young Lovers  
His Eye Is On the Sparrow  
I Believe I Can Fly  
I Can See Clearly Now  
I Could Have Danced All Nite  
I Got Shoes/Good News  
I Got You Babe  
I Left My Heart In San Francisco  
I Loves You Porgy  
I Will Always Love You  
I Will Remember You  
**I Will Survive**  
I Wish You Love  
I'll Be Seeing You  
I've Got You Under My Skin

It Had to Be You  
It Must Have Been Love  
Jump  
Just Because  
Kitchenman  
Knock Three Times  
Lady Marmalade  
Last Dance  
Lean On Me  
Lord's Prayer  
Lost Mind  
Lullaby of Birdland  
Mama Tiembo's Getting Married  
Memories - Cat  
Memories-Way We Were  
Misty  
Moon River  
Mood Indigo  
More Than You Know  
Muskrat Love  
**My Funny Valentine**  
My Heart Will Go On  
Natural Woman  
Neither One of Us  
New York, New York  
Night and Day  
Nothin's Gonna Harm You  
O Holy Night  
On A Slow Boat To China  
Orange Colored Sky  
**Over the Rainbow**  
People  
People Get Ready  
**Pie Jesu**  
Please Mr. Postman  
Precious Lord Take My Hand  
Pretty Women  
**Put Your Feet Up (Original)**  
Putting It Together  
Put Your Feet Up  
**Relax, Breathe, I love you (Original)**  
Rescue Me  
Respect  
Sunrise, Sunrise  
Right Key..Wrong Keyhole  
RiversofBabylon / Brown Girl In the Ring  
Rock Steady  
Route 66  
Saints Go Marching In  
**Santa Baby**  
Save the Best for Last  
Scarborough Fair  
Shining Star  
Skylark

Something Comin'  
Somewhere (There's a Place for Us)  
Somewhere Out There  
**Somewhere Over the Rainbow**  
**Songbird**  
Stand By Me  
Stormy Weather  
Sugar, Sugar  
Summertime  
Sunrise, Sunset  
Sweet Love  
Tenderly  
Texas Our Texas  
That's Amore  
That's Life  
That's What Friends are For  
The Christmas song  
The Eyes of Texas  
The Music of the Night  
The Rose  
The Shadow of Your Smile  
**The Star Spangled Banner**  
The Very Thought Of You  
The Way You Look Tonight  
They Can't Take That Away from Me  
This Land Is Your Land  
This Love  
Three Times a Lady  
Thriller  
Tomorrow (The Sun Will Come out...)  
Try to Remember  
Under the Boardwalk  
Unforgettable  
Wade In the Water  
Wait a While  
Wanna Dance with Somebody  
WannaBE  
We Are Family  
We Are the World  
We Fall Down  
We Kiss in a Shadow  
What a Wonderful World  
What's Love Got To Do With It?  
When I Fall In Love  
When Will I See You Again  
Wind Beneath My Wings  
With You I'm Born Again  
Xmas from the Heart  
You Can't Hurry Love  
You Don't Bring me Flowers  
You're the Best Thing That Ever  
Happened to Me  
You've Changed  
  
...and many more!

**Special Christmas Playlist (.pdf)**

**WANT A QUICKIE? Listen to these 1 minute Audio Demos...**

Santa Baby

3 Torch Songs: My Funny Valentine / Because You Loved Me / Songbird

Put Your Feet Up (Original Music and Lyrics from "The Griot")

The Special Something (1 minute Demo)





## Workshops:



### “Rebate a Date”

A candid workshop on the realities of dating survival. Proven techniques to help students avoid date rape, awkward goodbyes, HIV-AIDS, "Homer" and the "Hoochies." Includes extensive audience participation with interaction, dramatic improv, Q & A and open discussion. Perfect for high school /college orientations.



### “So, What RU Doin’ Bout the Rest of Yr Life?”

Kijana uses dramatic interp, discussion, role-playing, Q&A and customized worksheets to imbue a sense of self-determination ...encouraging participants to take control of their lives. This workshop is customized to suit the needs of participants in various stages of life: elementary, teens, college, adults & seniors.

Click here for a downloadable copy of the participant's [Worksheet](#).