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Name: Sheila Davis Harris

Town of Residence: Bloomfield, Connecticut

Voice Classification: Lyric Soprano

How long have you been singing: began at the age of 4

With which groups have you sung? Which years?



Local church choirs for a period of well over 40 years, as a teenager sang with Chimettes and later with our family group (mother, father and sister) The Angelic Harps in the late '60s and early '70s. Toured and recorded with Voices of Zion, professional choir in Detroit, MI for three years. Recorded and wrote with Rhani Song Productions and performed with Rhani Song's Family Love in early '80s. Toured with Western Massachusetts District Choir, Voices of Jubilation and Integrity under the direction of David Marshall Jackson. Sang and recorded with Connection (musical project undertaken with my sister and songwriting partner Jean Davis). Provided vocal back up for Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer as a member of The Year of Jubilee III.

With which famous artists have you appeared?

Because my father was a gospel quartet promoter in Hartford, as a teenager we were able to open for the Staple Singers, Blind Boys of Mississippi and Alabama, Swan Silvertones, Soul Stirrers, Dixie Humingbirds, Salem Travelers and many more when they were in the Hartford area during mid and late 60's. Later my sister and I were able to open locally for Shirley Caesar and her group, Inez Andrews and the Williams Brothers. My sister and I have performed as backup vocalists for a numerous number of local gospel talent throughout the New England area. Have appeared with Albertina Walker, Jeffrey LaValley, Dr. Wyatt T. Walker and Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer and vocal backup for Karen Clark Sheard.

Have you recorded? When? With whom? Name of Recording?

Recorded with Voices of Zion of Detroit MI, 1975 and was featured as lead soloist "I've Been Running for Jesus a Long Time" – Recorded with Rahni Song as back up vocalist on countless studio sessions for Family Love and others in 1979 and 1980. Recorded with Beyond the Veil (a Christian Pop band) and toured New England as back up vocalist between 1993 and 1994. Was featured on recording with Victori Records on the CD entitled "Collective Praise" performing as Connection (my sister and I). Performed and co-wrote with my sister the music for *Gospelercise Vol. I and II*, a Christian aerobics videos.

Have you done theatre or musical theatre? If so, when, where, name of production?

"*The Wayward Child*" in 1959 performed as a child singer – role of angel with key solo and then assistant director of production in 1996 and helped to produce the video released in fall of 1996. Performed with Western Massachusetts District Choir in the "Middle Passage" at Springfield College, 1997 and the 75th anniversary of the Gospel Pearls in 1998 Directed a 2015 version of "*The Wayward Child*" for Mt. Bethel Church, Hartford, Connecticut.

Provide any other information that will make interesting press?

Ministry preparation – Detroit Bible College and Rhema Bible Training School, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma with concentration in Praise and Worship – 1985 graduate, Hartford Seminary graduate in both the Black Ministers Program and the Women's Leadership Studies. Completed an associates and bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from the Perfecting School of Ministry in 2018. Studied voice with Jackie Jarret, Hartford Conservatory of Music and Jackie Dehl of Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Have trained numerous worship and praise teams throughout Connecticut. BMI songwriter for La'Kenya Publishing Company and Production Assistant for Victori Records