



LINDA CARVERY

Accomplished Jazz/Blues/Gospel singer, Linda Carvery began her musical journey at the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax - a journey that has taken her to Washington's Capitol Hill, where she performed with the Nova Scotia Mass Choir during the 30th anniversary celebrations of Martin Luther King's March.

At a young age Carvery performed alongside saxophonist Bucky Adams in the Joe Sealy jazz trio. She later embarked on a solo career, recording her first CD *Yesterday/Today*, for which she was awarded the East Coast Music Award for Best Jazz Artist. She is also the recipient of a Lifetime

Achievement Award from the African Nova Scotian Music Association.

Linda has performed at Neptune Theatre in the musicals *Gospel at Colonus* and *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*; Eastern Front Theatre's production of *Whylah Falls*, which toured to the National Arts Centre. She was most recently seen in Mulgrave Road Theatre's *Shadows in the Cove* (written by Mary-Colin Chisholm) in the role of Hannah and in George Elliott Clark's piece, *5 Poets Breaking Into Song*, as the featured singer. Ms. Carvery has worked for many years on behalf of youth, persons with disabilities and families in crisis, and is former Executive Director of the African Nova Scotian Training Centre. She has served as a board member on the Social Assistance Appeal Board, Halifax Housing Authority and the National Parole Board. Linda is a member of the Solicitor General's Special Committee on Provincially Incarcerated Women and served as President of the Congress of Black Women as well as the Nova Scotia Mass Choir. She has served the Nova Scotia's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Symphony Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Arts Council. Linda is married with four children, and has been a foster mother to teenage single mothers, teaching them parenting and life skills. The Carvery house is always open, day or night, to anyone in need. Linda's concern for the well-being of others and her contributions to the music community have earned her an Honorary Doctor of Letters from St. Mary's University.