

Robbi Kumalo

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Professional Summary

Motivated and talented Actress specializing in both stage and film. Previous work includes acting alongside Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, and Rod Stewart. SAG-AFTRA member since 1996.

Skills

- Hair color: brown, Eyes brown
- Height: 5', Weight: 119 lbs
- Shoe Size 8., Dress size 10P
- Piano, Guitar, Vocalist, Djembe drum, percussion
- Television and film background
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Vocalist, Mezzo to soprano
- Stand-in experience, 3 times TV
- Dependable and punctual
- Works well under pressure
- Exceptional communicator
- Fast learner

Work History

Haunted Hayride NYC – Darkness Demon October 2016
Productions, Inc. - LA

30-10

- Scared people for hours on end.

Songs of Freedom – Producer, arranger, director, actor, musical director
BaliDali Productions, Inc. - NY

- Transposed music to alternate keys with speed and accuracy.
- Sight-read musical parts during initial rehearsals.
- Arranged musical compositions to achieve a particular musical style.
- Positioned members within the ensemble to obtain balance among instrumental and vocal sections.
- Conducted the ensemble at rehearsals and during both live and recorded performances.
- Promoted events and performances by participating in media interviews.
- Selected music carefully in order to achieve a balance of musical styles on the program.
- Achieved desired tonal and harmonic balance by communicating clearly with musicians.
- Organized and managed concerts and master classes.
- Interpreted and modified music to personalize performances and connect with curriculum.
- Organized 5 shows and school shows each year, including booking musicians.

Musician / Composer, Current

BaliDali Productions, Inc – NYC

- Music is My friend music video Music - Makes Me Happy CD - BaliDali Productions, Inc.
- Happy, Happy, Happy, Happy, Happy - Music Makes Me Happy CD - BaliDali Productions, Inc.
- Organized 40 shows and concerts each year, including booking musicians.
- Selected music carefully in order to achieve a balance of musical styles on the program.
- Promoted events and performances by participating in media interviews.
- Performed as solo storyteller on an International Tour with DreamOn in Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico.
- Specialized in classical, world and popular music

Composer & Performer, Current
40/Shorty RE:Kids – NY

- Composed, arranged and recorded 25 original songs.
- Interpreted and modified music to personalize performances.
- Organized 40 shows and recitals each year, including booking musicians.
- Maintained a private studio of 8 students for 7 years.

Musical Theatre - Osebo's Drum - Storyteller , Current
BaliDali Prodctions, Inc – NYC

- Shadowbox Theatre Company Member , 1987 - Sandra Robbins, director
- Introducing.....Robbi K Cabaret Act - Producer BaliDali Productions, Inc.
- Composed, arranged and recorded 8 original songs.
- Organized 40+ shows and school-aged performances each year, including booking musicians.
- Promoted events and performances by participating in media interviews.
- Arranged musical compositions to achieve a particular musical style.

Lumpy Bumpy Pumpkin Storyteller, Puppeteer, Musical Dir. / Visions of Jazz Narrator , Current
BaliDali Productions, Inc NYC

- Arranged musical compositions to achieve the jazz musical style.
- Promoted events and performances by participating in social media.
- Studied intensively with vocal coaches & choreographers to develop voice and performance skills.
- Arranged musical compositions to achieve a particular musical style.
- Transposed music to alternate keys with speed and accuracy.

Languages

French, Latin American Spanish, Zulu, German, Italian

Accomplishments

- Awarded several Parents' Choice Awards in 2008-2014.

Additional Information

- BACKING VOCALIST Recorded and/or toured with: Aretha Franklin, Eileen Ivers, Arif Mardin, Jewel, Diana Ross, Jimmy Owens,
- Ashford & Simpson, Edie Brickell, Chieli Minucci, Gino Sitsou, Bakithi Kumalo, John Hiatt, Chaka Khan, Deepak Chopra, Rod
- Stewart, Mary J. Blige, Daniel Rodriguez, Vieux Diop, Luisa Payon, & Harry Belafonte among others
- SPECIAL SKILLS Voice Actor; Final Cut editor; Recording & Touring Artist;
- 5 solo CD's; teaching artist; filmmaker, author, composer, Multiple Parents' Choice Awards (2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2013)
- Children's Music Web Award Winner; iParenting Media Award Winner
- Valid Drivers License (PA) Valid US Passport, US Citizen

- **Education**

Bachelor of Arts: Music, Current
State University of New York at Stony Brook - Stony Brook, NY

- Acting for Mixed Media training *Letter of Completion: Teaching Artist, Lincoln Center Institute for Aesthetic Education -NYC
- InStudio - NYC *Certificate of Completion: Current
- Coursework in Music Continuing education in Early Childhood Development