

Laura MAHOGANEE Amigér | Musician | Inter-Disciplinary Artist | Entrepreneur | Sound Preservationist
| Creative Placemaker | State Certified Teaching Artist | Sound Healer

Mission: Making a huge impact on the world with Arts Integration to Educate, Entertain, Elevate, Enlighten and Explore the possibilities utilizing the power of our Creativity and Imagination to advance the Gullah Geechee Culture and Heritage while illuminating as a Sound Healer of Social & Environmental Justice for our overall Health & Wellness, highlighting environmental responsibilities with land stewardship and caring for our waterways.

Teaching Artist:

- Official South Carolina Arts Commission Arts in Education Approved Certified Teaching Artist in the Field of Music 2016
- Teaching Artist at Historical Penn Center, one of the most significant African American historical and cultural institutions in existence today on St. Helena Island, SC (Culture Keepers Program)
- Traveled abroad to Artist Residencies in Trinidad & Tobago, Cuba 2009 and 2019
- 2018/2019 Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant Artist Residency (Saluda Trails Middle School)
- 2023 Recording Academy Grammy U Mentor
- 16 Week Music Artist Residency with Robert Smalls Academy Feb-May 2022
- 4.0 Essentials Fellow 2022 ;4.0 invests in new, community-centered models of education, and provides coaching, curriculum, community and cash to those with the imagination to create a more equitable education ecosystem.
- Featured Gullah performer and teaching artist on the sacred grounds of The Brainerd Institute and Workshops In Open Fields, a premier program created by Poet and Pulitzer Prize Nominee Dr. Vivian Ayers Allen to foster and promote preschool literacy. The program was lauded and fully supported by the National Endowment of the Arts Chairman Nancy Hanks as the premier paradigm for how to approach education. Phylicia Rashad, the actress and director is the daughter of Dr. Vivian Ayers-Allen was on site at Brainerd Institute on behalf of Dr. Ayers. (2023)
- Da Wada Brought Us & Kept Us Artist Exhibition College of Charleston Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture Sept 2022-Jan 2023
- African American Maritime History Certificate of Completion, The History of Human Enslavement Course Mar 2023
- How Da Wada Kept Oona Artists Exhibition at Port Royal Sound Foundation May 2023
- Acres of Ancestry Grant Recipient for Textures of a Southern Soul Art Exhibition 2023
- Juneteenth Featured Performer at Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center 2023
- Fine Arts Exhibition at Okeeba Jubalo Fine Arts Gallery September 2023
- 21 Original Afro-Futurism Pieces Outside Arts Exhibition Held on St. Helena Island Dec 2023
- 2023 Named Leo Twiggs Arts Leadership Scholar by SC Arts Commission
- 2023 Graduate as a Riley Fellow of The Riley Institute Diversity Leaders Initiative (Furman University)
- Culture Keepers Artist Residency in Belize 2019 & 2024
- Facing History & Ourselves Certificate of Completion, 9 Hours Professional Development. Teaching for Equity and Justice Workshop Jan 2024

- **NCHE** National Collaborative for Health Equity **CoHLI** Culture of Health Leadership Institute for Racial Healing Cohort Finalist 2024-2025

Arts Advocacy:

- Co-Founder & Executive Creative Director of Responsible ARTistry Inc. (Est. 2006) **Mission** To arm youth with the imagination to survive through mentorship camps, residencies, workshops and classes driven by fostering leadership skills, self awareness and understanding the responsibility of being good stewards of our planet through music and the arts.
- Beaufort Arts Council Volunteer 2010
- Featured Artist on SoulTrain.com for Arts & Activism Jan 2012
- Beaufort Arts Council Office Manager 2011-2012
- Recording Academy Member (Grammys) 2014
- Beaufort Arts Council Executive Director 2018-2020
- Art of Community: a Rural SC Arts Commission Initiative ; Beaufort County Maven Assistant Gullah Geechee Community Ambassador 2021-22
- Member of (NABFEME) The National Association of Black Female Executives in Music & Entertainment 2020

Performer Accolades (Music):

- Requested Music performer at the Savannah GA Black Heritage Festival 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000
- Presented with Proclamation from Prince George's Maryland County Executive Jack B. Johnson on February 16, 2008 Recognizing Mahoganee and her husband Andre for Musical Accomplishments. The Proclamation Recognized & Proclaimed February 16, 2008 as a day of celebration and recognition of Mahoganee's 2nd album "Thoughtz of a D.I.V.A..
- Featured Music Performer at the Annual Black Family Reunion of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) in Washington, DC. 2009
- First Musician Awarded the Chapter President's Award & Made an Honorary Member of the Historical Montford Point Marine Assoc. June 2016
- Live Performance on Atlanta Live WATC TV57 with Daniel Winans
- Featured on SoulTracks.com twice with New Single First Listens Write-Up Feb 2017/2020
- Won Finalist in the Rap/Urban/R&B category of the 2009 Mid-Atlantic SongWriters Association of Washington DC Song Contest
- Commissioned to write Alma Mater for TCL Technical College of the Lowcountry 2018
- GIA (Grantmakers In The Arts) 2021 Annual Conference Plurality, Power & Belonging San Juan, Puerto Rico Opening Artist (song 1619)
- Music Performance at SC State House for Commemoration of Brown vs Board of Education May
- Requested Music performer at Historical Penn Center's Heritage Festival 2011, 2014, 2015
- Requested Music performer at the 30th Annual Original Gullah Festival 2016
- Featured Vocalist at SC State House 50th Annual Governor's Carolighting 2016
- 2016/2017 Featured Vocalist with the Renowned International Dr. Marlena Smalls & The Hallelujah Singers South Carolina's Tourism Ambassadors
- Requested Music Artist for (GCIA) Global Culinary Innovators Association, Culinary Combine Reception at Francis Marion Hotel Charleston SC 2019
- Requested Music Performer at Brainerd Institute Heritage "Literacy Through the Arts" as a Culture Keeper with the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor June 2022

- Requested Music Concert for Gullah Artist Natalie Daise Opening Exhibition Reception: Greens In My Garden at Myrtle Beach's Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum October 2022
- Requested Music Performer at "Da Wada Brought Us and Kept Us" Opening Exhibition Reception October 2022
- Requested Music Performer at the 1st Grand Opening & 2nd Annual Gullah Geechee Corridor Celebration October 2022-23
- Requested Music Performer at Annual Sea Island Gullah Christmas Celebration with Gullah Storyteller Aunt Pearl Sue at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park December 2022
- Music Performer at New Years Eve Gullah Market in Bluffton SC at The Heyward House with renowned Gullah Geechee Chef BJ Dennis December 2022
- More Than Rhythm: A Black Music Series featured artist at The Columbia Museum of Art. Concert and Artist Talk with Ethnomusicologist Dr. Birgitta Johnson featured alongside Grammy Winner Dom Flemons, South Carolina native, globally recognized blues musician Adia Victoria and South Carolina-native Nicole Neely, composer, arranger and conductor collaborating with artists such as Beyoncé, Ms. Lauryn Hill, Mariah Carey, Alicia Keys, John Legend, Toni Braxton, Lizzo and H.E.R. February 2023
- Requested Performer at Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture Music Performance for Da Wada Brought Us and Kept Us Exhibition closing reception February 2023
- TEDx Charleston Music Performer at Charleston Music Hall March 2023
- Requested Music Performer and Visual Art for Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor "How Da Wada Keep Oona" art exhibition at Port Royal Sound Foundation May 2023
- Requested Musician for Juneteenth 4 Day Celebration at The Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, St. Augustine FL Concert and Artist Talk featured alongside Grammy Winner Dom Flemons June 2023
- Requested Music Performance honoring The Charleston 9 at The Bend, North Charleston, SC June 2023
- Brainerd Institute Heritage by Phylicia Rashad honoring Dr. Vivian Ayer's SC Folk Poetry Fest, Requested Music Performer and Poet July 2023
- Requested Music Performance at 2nd Annual Gullah Geechee Corridor Heritage Celebration October 2023
- Contributing Vocalist to the Grammy-nominated album "The Auditorium Vol. 1" by Common and Pete Rock as a featured Sound Healer on the Official Video for the [Grammy Nominated] song "When The Sun Shines Again" featuring Bilal and Pos (Plug 1) of De La Soul

Recorded Folk Soul Music Projects:

- Zora's Song (Genius Among Mortals) Contributing Music for the first inaugural Zora Neale Hurston Summit by the Zora Neale Hurston Trust & Family
- Recorded Live at The Columbia Museum of Art featuring The Mahogany Xperience with Live Band 2023
- Textures of a Southern Soul (a Gullah Geechee Soul) (Album) 2021
- In Open Fields (a Tribute to Brainerd Institute) (Single) 2022
- 1619 (Single) 2020
- Collard Green Crown (Single) 2016
- Grandma's Listenin (Single) 2014
- Black Butterfly Lullaby a capella (Single) 2012

- Power of Words Mixtape 2012
- The Chrysalis Stage (Album) 2011
- Thoughts of a DIVA (Album) 2010
- Funky Organik Soul 1.0 (Single) 2012
- My Life, My Story (Album) 2006