

Schawayna Raie



Schawayna Raie is no stranger to the music industry. Born and raised in Indianapolis, her father and grandfather were known for their quartet singing. She began singing in the church choir at the age of 7 and has been singing ever since. She's won countless talent shows in her early years, gaining scholarships for her rendition of *Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child*.

S.Raie graduated from public school and went on to pursue a degree in psychology with her eyes set on becoming a Motivational Speaker. She graduated from IUPUI to continue on in that direction but singing kept calling her name. She sang with a gospel group named Voices of Judah and in that group she found her voice.

She spent greater than 10 years acting as assistant praise/worship leader, youth choir director and praise dance leader at Greater New Hope Church. This is where she grew as a minister and leader.

S.Raie had the opportunity of singing on a nationally syndicated television talk show *I'm Just Sayin'* with prominent singer/songwriter/pastor Dan Willis of Alsip, IL. She sang for gospel giant Mark Hubbard for his birthday bash. She reached the top 100 on the gospel charts in Belgium. She has been featured in a host of gospel magazines and interviewed on multiple online and terrestrial radio stations. She was the featured songstress for Christmas Eve on Channel 8's *IndyStyle* (2013). She has been labeled the Jill Scott of Gospel with her Neo Soul smooth jazz sound. She was one of the featured Artists at AM1310 The Light's Praise in the Park. She has been sought after by many organizations to bring that extra element to their events.

S.Raie has held many hats such as executive producer, director, writer, visionary, PR, creative director and casting director for her many projects. She has created many music videos such as; *I'm A Souldier*, *Sacrifice*, *Remembering Christmas*, *Scene Before*; and her new single released April, 2015 *Who Will Cry*. She has released several hit albums to include *Through It All* (2009), *No More Hiding* (2013) and *Remembering Christmas* (2013). Schawayna Raie created a fundraising event called *Schawayna Raie and Friends*, "A Christmas Benefits Celebration" to raise funds for local non-profit organizations that she presents each December, which is televised on WHMB Channel 40 on Christmas Day.

Schawayna Raie began her non-profit organization Uplift Your Sister in May, 2007 with the aspirations of helping to enhance the lives of women through motivation, support, and building life skills. She has created many outreach programs and events through this organization, such as UYS Prom Dress Giveaway, UYS Girls 2 Women Youth Development Program, UYS PhenomeMOM Mother's Day Awards Brunch, and UYS Cooking With My Girls, Girls Night Out. Through her efforts, she has blessed thousands.

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