

SHAMIE ROYSTON

PIANIST/COMPOSER/ EDUCATOR



Born in Denver, Colorado, Shamie Royston, pianist, composer and educator is a unique musician in her own way. Her exquisite style of piano playing, combines a tradition and contemporary sounds, embodied by a soulful spirit.

Receiving a Master's Degree in Music Composition from the **University of Denver**, where she was awarded top honors, Shamie Royston was and continues to be highly respected for her musical works. She has composed and arranged works for trumpeter, **Sean Jones**, saxophonist, **Tia Fuller**, vocalist **Diane Reeves**, and many other prominent musicians. Shamie was also commissioned to arrange her original works for the Jazz Philharmonic at the **Penfield School** District in New York, **Berklee College of Music** in Boston, **Metro State College** in Denver, and the Colorado Music Education Association Conference. Shamie also participated in the First Annual Composers Symposium Concert at Berklee School of Music in Boston where her original compositions were performed along side with trumpeter/composer extraordinaire **Terence Blanchard**, pianist/composer **Geri Allen**, and award winning composer **Maria Schneider**.

Along side her accolades as a strong performer, and extraordinary composer Shamie is regarded as one of the top educators in her field within educational institutions, and has been honored with several awards for her teaching skills. She has conducted clinics for top ensembles throughout the US, adjudicated bands from high school to college levels and her ability to teach young musicians ranging from elementary school to middle school levels deems her a professional master educator.

Upon her arrival to the New York City area, Shamie has been a steady member of **the Tia Fuller Quartet**, and has performed with and/ recorded with many other great artists such as **Christian McBride, Lonnie Plaxico, Ron Miles, Ralph Peterson, John Patitucci, Terri Lyne Carrington, Sean Jones** and many others. She has toured Europe and the United States with her fiery, yet soulful piano playing and has performed at many of the top jazz venues and festivals in the world.

Shamie's debut CD entitled **Portraits**, has recently re-released this year 2014 under the record label, **Hot Tone Music**. This debut album features her original compositions and highlight musical performances by esteemed musicians such as drummer **Rudy Royston**, bassist **Ivan Taylor** and **Camille Thurman** on vocals.

Shamie continues to be a leading force and a new voice in the jazz world. To learn more about Shamie Royston go to www.ShamieRoyston.com or www.hottonemusic.com