

# SHIRAZETTE TINNIN

DRUMMER, EDUCATOR, CLINICIAN, AUTHOR AND HEALTH COACH



Drummer, educator, clinician, author and health coach, Shirazette Tinnin was born and raised in North Carolina. Currently based in New York City, Shirazette has performed with Alicia Keys, Tia Fuller, WuTang Klan, Diva (Four Play), Tom Browne, Hugh Masekala, Mimi Jones, Pauline Jean, Afrikkaniitha, Camille Thurman amongst many others. She is also the resident drummer for the internationally acclaimed Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet.

Shirazette's own project, the *Shirazette and the Experiment Jazztet* debuted *Humility: Purity of My Soul* in February 2014. Additionally, she released a holiday album in November 2013 entitled *How the Groove Stole Christmas*.

As a graduate of Appalachian State University, Shirazette studied with Todd Right, Dr. Rob Falvo, Rick Dilling, and Scott Meister in addition to receiving private instruction and mentoring from great musicians such as Cindy Blackman, Lewis Nash, Terri Lyne Carrington, Allison Miller, Sherrie Maricle and Ernie Adams.

Shirazette attended graduate school at Northern Illinois University on a full scholarship for drum set and jazz pedagogy studying under Ron Carter (saxophonist and jazz educator). While in Chicago, she performed with flautist Nicole Mitchell, Jimmy Heath, Slide Hampton, Renee Baker, and many others. Shirazette also represented NIU in the Liberace Jazztet Scholarship Program and was one of the last recipients of The Sisters in Jazz Collegiate All-Stars for IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators) Award in 2008. Shirazette also taught as a professor at Columbia College in Chicago.

Shirazette is an active clinician, teacher, and author having published articles for *Modern Drummer* and *Tom Tom Magazine*.

A Hot Tone Music artist, Shirazette is endorsed by Canopus Drums, Sabian, Vic Firth, LP, Beato Bags, and KickPort.