

Featured Modern Elder*

Janice Harrington AGE 80 Musician Extraordinaire

At 80 years of age, Janice is a rising star!

Last month she released her new CD of 14 original songs, she's writing her colorful and tumultuous autobiography, she's learning to play the trombone, and she's formed a music publishing company and record label. Janice has a 'lust for life and she's having fun!'

It's Janice's turn. She didn't really have a childhood. She was pregnant and married at 15, and by the time she was 25, she had five children and two husbands. She yearned. She longed. She had to grow her wings. It was her Mother, as Mothers often do, who gave her the support and freedom she needed to fly. "My mother raised my kids. Without her I could not have done any of this. We had an agreement that she would stay home with the kids and I would work. My mother worked as a maid most of her life cleaning other people's houses. I did not want her to do that. It made more sense for her to live with us and keep the kids and the house."

"Each child knew he/she was loved double-time by their Mother and Grandma. "One of the smartest things I did was to rent a nice home with the option to buy. This is how I got my children out of the hood. We were the only black family in this Jewish neighborhood. The schools were excellent and the friendships they made there took them all over the world."

As a patriotic honor, Janice was invited to become a USO entertainer for three tours in Vietnam and also toured in Iceland, Newfoundland, Scotland, The Panama Canel and all South East Asia Philippines, Guam, Taiwan. "I was ready to kick a hole in the wind." Janice sang her heart out while exploring other worlds, recognizing that racial problems were worse in America. She welcomed her now fearless and confident posture, living and working as a musician. At 47, she fell in love with Werner. He has a daughter, so it officially makes them a family of 6 children, 23 grandchildren and 11 greatgrandchildren. Werner is a German white man, eight years her junior and, btw, also a musician. Werner became her 4th husband. Still married 34 years later, they live and love in Germany and make music together. "I was more mature. I knew what I wanted (and needed) in a relationship: Trust, Romance, and Humor...and that's how we live every day. We both love living a good love story!"

As Janice declares, "80 is just a number. I wake up with gratitude for my many blessings. I stay in prayer for mankind. We can not worry about people judging us. Live the life you love and love the life you live." Amen, my Friend.

Janice Harrington at 80 years of age is fully alive, realizing dreams and goals she's had all her life and just now realizing.

'This new CD is for me...my wanna-be fun, real life. People have always told me that my songs and stage presence is a unique combination of Millie Jackson (American R&B soul recording artist), Tina Turner (Queen of Rock&Roll), Ma Rainey (Mother of the Blues) with the humor of Moms Mabley (American stand-up comedian).'

Listen Up to this musical gift from Janice, let's see what you think! See why her voice transcends the decades and how, especially at 80 years, Janice Harrington can still wiggle her way into your heart and soul.

Here are two links for you to listen to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGSLR82Egmc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLw2li90qZY

For ordering the CD https://www.janice-harrington.com/cds/

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