

We asked Brianna ...

What was one of your first experiences with music?

I remember being three years old, watching my father rehearse with his band in our home. I would sing along by listening and repeating what I heard. I made my singing debut with my father's band when I was six years old, singing Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World."

Tell us about the instruments that you play.

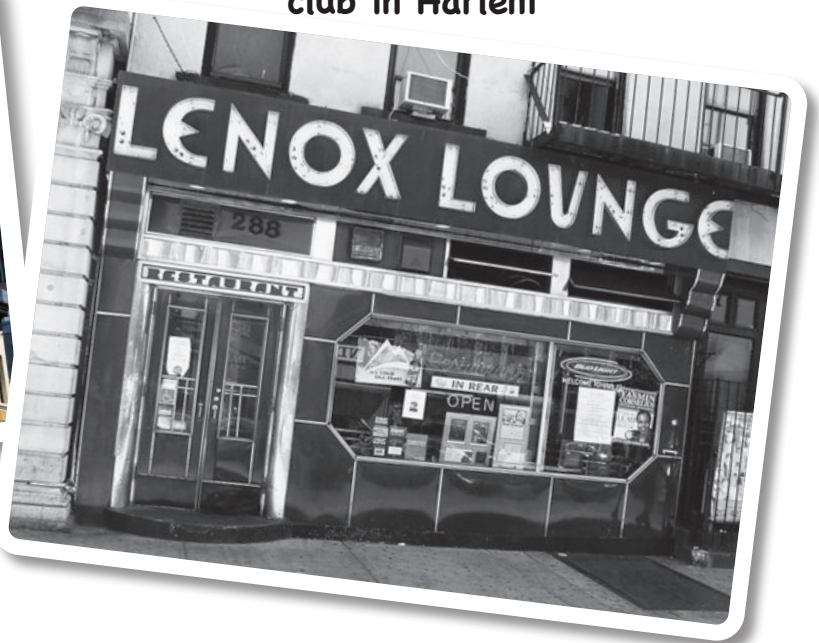
My first instruments were the drums and my voice. Today, my voice is my main instrument, but I also use the piano to write my own songs.

What is your favorite thing about performing jazz?

My favorite thing about performing jazz is the freedom involved in it. When jazz musicians improvise, or make up melodies on the spot, we enjoy a great deal of freedom and self expression. Jazz musicians have been performing in Harlem for a long time, in places like the Apollo Theater and Lenox Lounge.



Apollo Theater,
Harlem, NY



Lenox Lounge, a jazz
club in Harlem