

## Meet Brianna!



Dear "Young Lions" of Jazz!

I'm Brianna, and I sing an American style of music called jazz! I grew up in a musical household, as my dad was also a musician and my first music teacher. I started learning to scat when I was your age by listening to records by my favorite singers, Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan! Now I sing jazz all over New York City and the world. I live in Harlem, which is an important neighborhood in jazz and African American history and where a lot of jazz is still performed today. My band and I can't wait to take a trip on the jazz train with you and swing, sing, and do that thing!

Hugs and  
much love,  
**Brianna**

Leaving from  
**Little India, Manhattan**

Musical Explorers  
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## 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.



Arriving at  
**Harlem, Manhattan**