

# Meet Emeline!

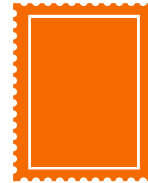


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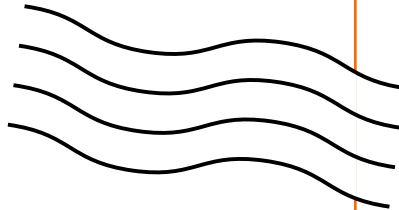
I grew up in Haiti, where music is incorporated into every moment of our day. The beautiful language of my country is called Haitian Creole. When you come to Carnegie Hall, it will be so much fun to experience the songs, dances, and language of my country together. I cannot wait to meet all of you. In the meantime, kembela (keep strong)!

Your friend,

Emeline



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## We asked Emeline ...

### What was your first important musical experience?

On Christmas Eve, when I was 11 years old, I was chosen at my church to sing solo among all the soloists of the choir!

### What is your favorite story from your childhood?

My favorite story was *Ti Pye Zoranj* or *Little Orange Tree*. It is a fairy tale about a young girl whose life changes when she plants orange seeds that magically grow when she sings to them.

### What is your favorite holiday to celebrate?

Haitian Independence Day, which is on January 1. We have a delicious pumpkin soup called “soupe joumou.” When the French ruled Haiti, African slaves were forbidden to eat this soup. So Haitians eat soupe joumou to celebrate their freedom.