

Who is Chiccy Baritone?

Not content with being the last in line... "Chiccy Baritone" has strategically moved her way to the front of the line where she maintains a strong presence. Introduced to the poetry circuit in 2001 and affectionately named, "Chiccy Baritone" (**Pronounced "chick-y"**), by her best friend, Charlene Evans lives up to the full meaning of her stage name. Chic, well-put together (spiritually and emotionally), she is a woman who uses her deep alto voice to share her life stories in poetry form with much authority! Her work can best be described as spiritually ground, filled with real life situations and God-filled solutions. Residing in Greenville, SC, Charlene still considers her birth place, Columbia, SC, home. Awarded a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from South Carolina State University, Charlene moved to the Upstate to begin her journey into adulthood while working in the corporate arena. After the release of her first CD in 2004 titled, "**Next in Line**", Charlene received a great deal of attention.

Some of her recognition includes:

- Feature story on the front page of the Lifestyle Section of the *Greenville News* in the August 2, 2004 edition
- Featured in the *Greenville Magazine* article, titled "Young, Gifted and Black -16 African Americans changing the face of Greenville"
- Featured in the 2004-2005 Winter Edition of the *SCSU Review* in an article titled, "Distinguished Alumni Under 40"
- "Best Newcomer Poet of 2005" by the Las Vegas Poets Society in Las Vegas, NV
- Cover of the March/April 2007 Edition of IMARA Woman Magazine
- Featured in the *G Magazine* March 2009 article titled, "Saved By The Written Word"
- Featured in the *Talk Greenville* August 2011 Edition in article titled, "Extreme Hobbies"
- One of many opening acts for Michelle Obama at the Women's Conference at Brookland Baptist Church May 2007 in Columbia, SC
- Creator and Producer of an annual all woman poetry showcase called, "**R U Skooled? From Any Woman's Perspective-Poetically**" that raises money for a local non-profit of choice. This Annual showcase started in 2007 and some of the donation recipients include: Healthy Learners, LatchKey, Inc., Safe Harbor, Inc. and Empowered Living which is non-profit of "Empowerment Zone"
- Work for Billy Graham Ministries for their annual "Rock the River Tour" that travels to 5 cities along the Mississippi River 2009
- Various Keynote Speaker engagements, conferences, schools and open-mics

This is only the beginning to where God is extending the use of his word in the vessel of Charlene Evans...she won't be the last but her prayer is to leave a challenging word in your heart and soul long after she has left the stage. "*Poetry is life, chiccy baritone speaks life, and what is life or chiccy without poetry?*"

Charlene Evans

Aka "Chiccy Baritone" www.chiccybaritone.com