

## Queen Nur Artistic Bio

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Queen Nur is a highly interactive International Storyteller, Folklorist and Teaching Artist from Willingboro, NJ. She is the Immediate President of the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc. Following the griotic tradition, her stories capture historical victories, celebrate folkloric traditions, and profoundly speak to the quintessence of humanity. Audiences may experience tears upon the soul; and, within the same breath of story, have a toe-tapping, hand-clapping good time.

For 25 years she has enthralled hundreds of thousands in over 34 states at such venues as the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.; The Opening of the Smithsonian National African American Museum of Culture and History; Equitable Tower Theater on Broadway; NJN Television; Toronto Street Festival; National Storytelling Festival; Kravis Center, FL; Johnson & Johnson Corporation; The Dodge Poetry Festival; Tour of Schools in New Orleans, PennyRoyal, KY, Wake County, NC, Western Montana and, extensively throughout NY and NJ.

Queen founded and produces the Annual Willingboro Kwanzaa Festival and is featured in local newspapers and on Fox Television every year during the Kwanzaa season. She is the Director of the Folklife Center at Perkins Center for the Arts, Roster Artist with Theatreworks USA and a Creative Consultant Teaching Artist with Young Audiences of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania.

Queen founded In FACT: Innovative Solutions Through Folk Art, Culture and Tradition, a cultural sustainability organization that produces workshops and events designed to create opportunities for civic engagement through folklife traditions. Queen is a winner of the MidAtlantic Artist-As-Catalyst Award; the NSN Brimstone Grant; and several leadership awards. Queen has two CDs, Parent's Choice Winner, "*Sweet Potato Pie and Such*", and "*Live and Storified.*" She has an MA in Cultural Sustainability at Goucher College.

Her favorite words to hear are "Ga-Ga" and "Grandma!" She is the proud mother of three and grandmother of four.