

BLACULA'S CHILD

Just in time for Halloween, the single “Blacula’s Child” marks the first release from LA based vocalist/poet Gina Loring and British producer Damion Anderson. While the soulful trip-hop tone of the song (think Portishead meets Lauryn Hill) creates a hypnotic vibe that might make you want to keep it on repeat, the backstory is the kicker: Gina Loring is *literally* Blacula’s child. The daughter of actor William Marshall, she grew up watching him on TV and film, but didn’t meet him until she was twenty. “Blacula’s Child” refers to his best known role, and lyrically blurs the lines between fiction, myth and reality. In an innovative, genre-bending sound, Loring’s work incorporates elements of the poetic skill she became known for after two impressive appearances on HBO’s Def Poetry. “Blacula’s Child” is a beautifully haunting song that will definitely have us looking out for more music from this creative voice.



Sound cloud link: <https://soundcloud.com/ginaloring/blaculas-child>

Poet/singer/songwriter **Gina Loring** (*HBO’s Def Poetry, BET’s Lyric Cafe, TVOne’s Verses and Flow*) is in a lane of her own. As guest artist of the American Embassy, she has performed in Kuwait, Russia, West Africa, Denmark, Turkey, Greece, Ireland, England, France, Spain and Tunisia. A college professor by day, she holds a B.A. from Spelman College and an M.F.A. from Antioch University Los Angeles, and she volunteers with *Inside Out Writers*, facilitating writing workshops with incarcerated teens. Loring made headlines earlier this month after partnering with Vagina Monologues creator Eve Ensler to release a spoken word video celebrating and honoring women in the wake of the current presidential election:

Video link: <http://www.onebillionrising.org/37861/walking-prayers-by-gina-loring/>
NYTIMES article: <http://nytlive.nytimes.com/womenintheworld/2016/10/14/powerful-spoken-word-video-reminds-men-to-respect-those-who-gave-them-life/>

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