## Karen Gibson Roc

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For all the music lovers, poetry lovers and great people lovers, check out Karen Gibson Roc. She is in the forefront of a re-emergence of a fusion of poetry and live music. But she does not just write poetry and put beats behind it, she and her band of seasoned musicians Fluid create music.

Her stage presence is magnetic, as is she. Check out her EPK and her website, which includes a slide show, definitely worth checking out.

She also has an independently released LP 5&2FISH which she produced with her band which is available to listen to and purchase through her website.

"I am a poetic vocalist. I blend several different flow patterns with unconventional dynamics to create a new dimension in artistry." kgr

Emerging from a thriving spoken word and music scene in New York City, Karen Gibson Roc and Fluid bring a cohesive and fusion-like sound. They slip in and out of several different musical genres with ease.

Karen shares dynamic words of wisdom while intoxicating here audience with raw stage presence.

Karen has graced such stages as: Glamorama- A fundraiser for both The Children's Cancer Research Fund and The Art Institute of Chicago, it was put together by Marshall Fields in conjunction with The Ford Modeling agency. Karen shared the bill with the likes of Patti Labelle, The Commodores, Boy George, and Sheila E.

She has also performed for Russell Simmons on HBO's Def Poetry Jam, Chicago's Fashion Week w/Marshall Fields, S.O.B's, Central Parks summer stage with the Lyricist Lounge, and with the band at The Brooklyn Academy of Music, Joe's Pub, C.B.G.B's, C.B.G.B's Gallery, Acme Underground, Bowery Poetry Club, Nuyorican Poet's Café and many many more.

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Karen has completed a project for Viacom/The Kaiser Foundation, an AIDS testing awareness radio spot that she wrote and co-produced-among other artists taking part is Common. She is a Canadian Council for the Arts 2004 Grant Recipient for The Spoken Word and Storytelling Program (dup rap poetry).

Karen is featured on the recording "Future Waves of Black Folks" by Champion Soul, released by Main Squeeze and distributed by Goya Records (Europe).

Karen Gibson Roc is the executive producer of her independently recorded and released album "5&2fish". The underground classic was produced with Jairus "Jazz" Odums and Ronnie Roc.

"The sound is what we like to call nujazzhiphopblues or simply funky fusion."

Karen and Fluid are currently working on a new cd entitled "Travel Light" and Karen is working on an art book (poetry, prose, photographs, paintings, and sketches).

Website

http://www.karengibsonroc.com