



Cincinnati's United Local Artists Network Inc. (Culan Inc.) honors our legends our local hero's & Shero's this Black History Month. We honor our on local Queen and legend "Sweet Alice Hoskins" at Culan's Music Masters Summit & Flowers Awards Ceremony"

Sweet Alice Hoskins, dubbed Cincinnati's "Queen of the Blues,"

Alice Hoskins

Sweet Alice's music draws on the gospel songs she grew up with and the blues artists she listened to on the radio, culminating in her own blues style. The result is a potent mix of melody and raw energy which draws in her audiences.

"What comes from the heart, reaches the heart," she says.

Sweet Alice's vocal career didn't begin until she was in her mid-30s after raising five children and working as a cook in public schools and nursing homes. She began singing in a church gospel choir, and moved on to nightclubs, bars, state fairs and festivals, eventually performing in Paris and Torino, Italy, as well as around the U.S.

She has opened for top Blues musicians such as Bobby Blue Band, Luther Allison and Buddy Guy, Rufus Thomas, Denise LaSalle and has released several CDs. She has won a number of awards, including the CAMMY for "Best Blues Vocalist" in Cincinnati and the Blue Ball Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cincinnati Blues Society. Lifetime Achievement Award from Culan Inc, (Cincinnati's United Local Artists Network Inc.)

When asked to describe her music, Sweet Alice said, "I have one rule. I don't sing songs I don't relate to - real cryin' songs where love takes over and you'll do anything to hold on. It's not my style. I like up-tempo, high-energy songs that make everyone, as well as myself, happy."

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