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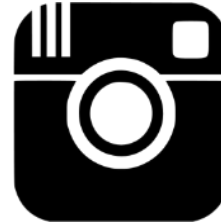
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Malynda was born and raised in sunny Santa Barbara, California where she began singing at just five years old. At the age of seven she learned to play the piano, and by nine years old she was writing her own music. Malynda's love for music and desire to make a difference in the world have led her to be recognized many times for her work. She won “Best Female Vocalist” at the Hollywood Music in Media Awards, Best Pop Music Video at the Indie Music Channel Awards, and she has been a headliner for the NAMM show on the main stage and for the Sennheiser stage. She has opened for artists such as Tyrone Wells, Ernie Halter, Levi Kreis, OTOWN and Smokey Robinson. She has been married for nine years and is a new mom to a baby girl.

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## Malynda Hale Performs 'Something Worth Fighting For'



Malynda Hale is a pop-soul singer, song writer, actress, and entrepreneur. Her latest EP 'The One' was just released a few weeks ago, and now she's beginning her tour, making a pit-stop right here in Chicago!

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# Singer Malynda Hale Talks New EP, Women Empowerment, & What's Next



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## MALYNDA HALE: THE INTENTIONAL CREATOR

BY HAYLEE BELL

Malynnda Hale is an evolving Royal Woman who isn't afraid to speak her mind; whether that's through her music, acting or activism.

"I try my best to always lead with love," Hale shares during our interview. "That is just how I go through the world. I try to always lead with loving-kindness and, come from a place of understanding."

Her podcast, We Need To Talk, and video series project, Black Voices Heard tackles those tough topics that are often brushed over but need to be addressed, since the conversation she had with Michelle Williams about mental health and faith, which she described as "really, powerful."

Another memorable conversation was on the arts in inner-city schools with Aurianna Angelique, the founder and CEO of a nonprofit called ROC Era.

"I love the emphasis on bringing arts to community that isn't necessarily exposed to it," she recalls about her chat with Angelique. "Because arts is one of the first thing that has taken out of schools, but then schools in inner cities are the first that don't have anything."

During our Zoom chat, Hale gets more candid with RoyalTee about her passions and inspirations behind some of her recent projects and the importance of Black creators to produce intentional content.

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**ROYALTEE:** Our society tries to keep entertainers in a box. Did you have that kind of backlash when you started embracing activism and stepping out of the music/acting realm?

**MALYNDA:** It's hard to say because I think the people that I was supposed to reach are the ones that I have been reaching. I do think it is a common thing to put artists in a box and just tell them to stick to what they're doing. But I think what people tend to forget is that we're human too. And we experienced things outside of our chosen career fields. Our voices are just as important, whether we are an entertainer, whether we're a public figure or whether we're a teacher or whether we are a doctor or whether we're a gardener, like everybody's voice is valid and matters.

**ROYALTEE:** How did propel you to where you are now in your career?

**MALYNDA:** Music was always my first love. I grew up singing in the church, did musical theater major in music in college, and recorded albums and toured, and all of that. It's always been my passion. It's the main mark that I wanted to make in the world. But in the last few years activism globally has had an uptick. I wanted to be able to use my voice in a different way. And that's when I started writing more socially conscious music and music that was centered around issues that were very important to me.

Issues in regard to being Black in America, in regard to racism, in regard to the homeless community, LGBTQ community, so on and so forth. That kind of trajectory changed in my music, launched me into wanting to start the podcast and then, get involved in other mediums that allowed me to not only share my voice but share other's voices.

**ROYALTEE:** What's a takeaway from your Black Voices Heard series for you?

**MALYNDA:** Experiences of being Black in America are very different. And that was one of the reasons why I started in the first place to showcase the varying experiences. For example, the civil rights movement wasn't that long ago, but having a conversation with someone that actually lived through it and was affected by it, that's what really struck me, just hearing stories from my dad that he never even told me growing up, realizing that that's still in his memory, that's still trauma.

**ROYALTEE:** Plus, the character of We created with your podcast, We Need To Talk.

**MALYNDA:** I feel like I have with a connection with another human being that I may not have known before, but also it allows me to reflect so much on just my own life and then my own things that I'm doing. So, I feel like I've gained knowledge every episode that I recorded for sure.

**ROYALTEE:** What makes you a Royal Woman?

**MALYNDA:** Honestly, just me being alive is who I am. I mean how I go through my life, how I treat people, and what I feel like my purpose is, which is to give a voice to the marginalized and share stories and connect people. Just my love for others. And my love for telling stories is what makes me a Royal Woman.

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## ***Black Voices Heard***

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*"It's my hope that these stories and profiles will help humanize us and change the societal view of Blackness as a whole."*



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Singer/Songwriter Malynda Hale Is *The One To Watch*

"I do experiment with wigs, and lace fronts are my favorite. I definitely have a wig drawer at home," shares Malynda.



## MUSICAL MAVEN

Malynda Hale has always had a talent for music. The "stand" singer found her voice in the church and has always been encouraged to pursue music. "My mom would always joke that I popped out singing. When I turned five is when I had my first solo in church. It was always something I enjoyed doing, so [my parents] eventually put me in piano lessons. Then I started doing community theater and mu-

sicals throughout grade school, and it just grew into something that became a career," says Malynda. "[My parents] were always really supportive about it. My dad was a musician as well. He would always play records and expose me to as much music as possible. But growing up in church definitely played a part in me wanting to be a singer."

*The One* is Malynda's latest EP, featuring a slew of inspirational and uplifting songs about female

empowerment and politics in today's society. She describes her album as "very inspirational, but feel-good at the same time. I want people, when they press play, to get a sense of who I am as far as what I believe in and what I stand for, but also be able to vibe with it and jam out to the beats and how the music is produced."

**"I change my hair so much—if people were to see me out they wouldn't know it's me, because my hair is always different."**

## BEAUTY VIBE

When it comes to her hair, Malynda isn't one to stick to the same hairstyle. "[My hair] changes because I get bored so easily. I change my hair so much—if people were to see me out they wouldn't know it's me, because my hair is always different. But recently I've been rocking a wavy bob," says the "Gimme Love" singer.

"On stage it's been shorter, because it gets so hot and I start to sweat. I really love to perform and run all over the stage. I usually style it myself. I have my go-to products... I love to use Cantu, and their curling crème is one of my favorite products. And for regular maintenance I like the Doo Gyo products, because my hair is so prone to breakage and that's been helpful with getting thickness back into my hair."

Though the star loves wearing wigs, she opts to skip weaves.

"I'm very 'tender-headed' and have had some damage from weaves in the past. But I do experiment with wigs; lace fronts are my favorite. I definitely have a wig drawer at home," Malynda muses about her favorite protective style. "I'm Natural. I used to be relaxed for a long time. I started going Natural about four years ago. I did the Big Chop, and it's starting to grow back. I wear it Natural and I can pull it back into a ponytail if I need to, and usually when I'm home that's what I'm doing... [I] usually just twist it or braid it back if I am wearing a wig to keep it healthy. But, I also make sure I'm moisturizing it and oiling it everyday and making sure I'm doing a healthy hairstyle regardless of what it is. I try not to put heat on my hair too much, and if I do it's really just to blow-dry it." SBH

## STAR STYLE FAVES

We sneak a peek at music star Malynda Hale's beauty kit and came away with these product finds...

### > TOP 5 HAIR MUSTS

"Cantu's shampoos and conditioners, Doo Gyo deep conditioning crème, [Cantu's] leave-in with Argan Oil Perfect Edge, [Black edge control] hair gel, my wide-tooth comb and my rat-tail comb."

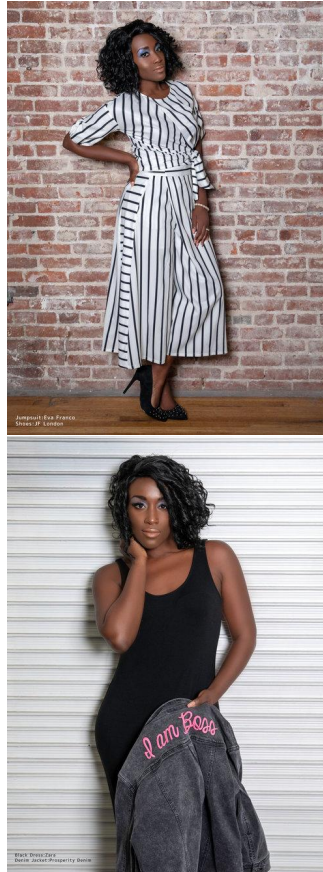
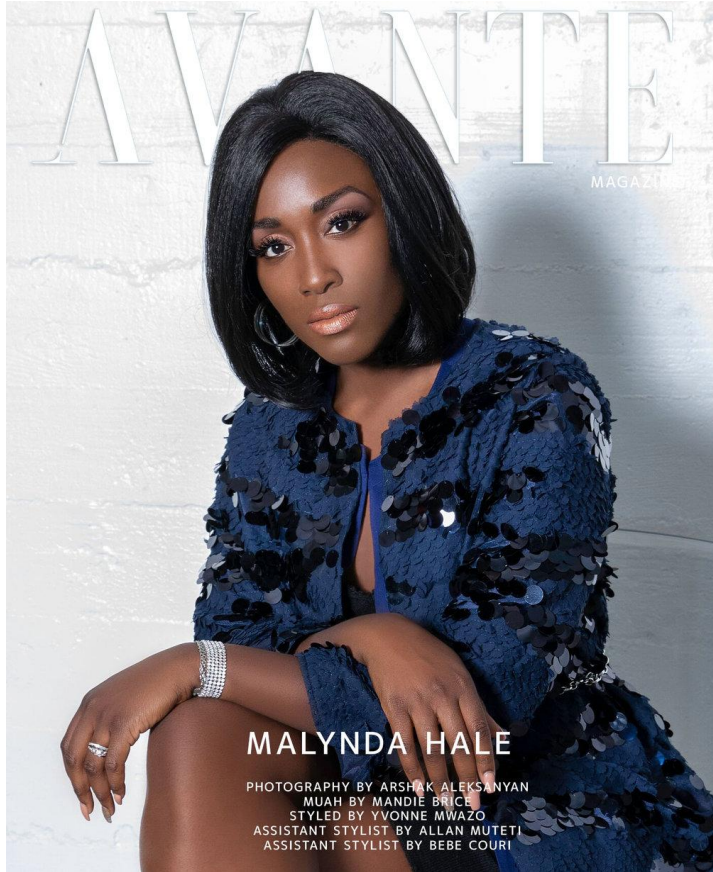
> BEAUTY BEAT "I love bathing. I can't perform or do anything without bathing, and I love a good exfoliator and highlight."

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## MALYND A HALE

**Hi Malynda, welcome to VENTS! How have you been?**  
Hi there! I'm amazing. Thanks for asking!

**Can you talk to us more about your song "We Run"?**  
Yes, of course! It's a song that is very dear to my heart. One of the most honest ones I've written. I felt it was incredibly important to start sharing more vulnerable and honest music with my audience and this song was the perfect start to that.

**Did any event in particular inspire you to write this song?**

With social media being such a prevalent medium in society today there has been an unfortunate spotlight put on the treatment of black and brown bodies due to police brutality. The countless number of instances over the past few years that have made national news, along with my own personal experience of being a black woman in America, are what led me to write this song.

**Any plans to release a video for it?**

Yes! I'm planning to do a video for each song on the EP, so this will be the third one I release later this summer!

**"We Run" is one of the songs off your new EP The One - what's the story behind the title of your EP?**

I was looking for the final song to have on the EP and I just wasn't inspired to write anything. When one of the producers I work with, Komika "KO" Purnell, came over to play tracks and write songs, she played a track she had started a while ago and had forgotten about. I immediately started writing to it and said out loud, "this is the one." It then became the title track to the EP. After writing most of it, I brought in my friend Anna to help me flesh out the lyrics and vocal choices, and I knew we had a great song on our hands. After that I realized that all of the other songs on the EP had the words 'the one' in some way or another sprinkled throughout. So it was truly meant to be.

**How was the recording and writing process?**

It was rewarding and also a learning experience. I'm really used to writing on my own. I've done a few co-writes here and there but it's taken a lot for me to fully trust people when it comes to my music. I've finally found a team that truly brings out the best in me as an artist and the messages I want to convey. It feels good to finally be in this place.

**What role does Santa Barbara play in your writing?**

Not much to be honest. I definitely didn't appreciate Santa Barbara's beauty until I left it. Now that I've lived outside of Santa Barbara for so long, when I go back I really get to see it from a different perspective. What shaped my songwriting more than anything was moving to cities like New York and Chicago then coming back to California. Being in different areas and being around different people and in different environments helped me grow a lot.

**What aspect of social justice did you get to explore on this record?**

With "We Run" I got to explore my thoughts and feelings about the Black Lives Matter movement and then "Something Worth Fighting For", which is the lead single off the EP, was more of a general call to action for people in the same way my past single "Stand" was. I want people to know what they are fighting for and keep doing the work of believing that they can make a difference in the world.

**Any plans to hit the road?**

Yes! July starts an extensive tour for me and I can't wait to hit the road. People can see upcoming tour dates on my website: [www.malyndahale.com](http://www.malyndahale.com). I'm constantly adding new ones so this year is going to be really full and busy!

**What else is happening next in Malynda Hale's world?**

I'm honestly ready to get back into the studio and do part two of "The One." The plan is to build momentum around this EP for a few months, release videos for every song, then come back with a big single in Fall 2018 and release a full album beginning of next year. I can't sit still for very long! In addition to my music I'm planning to get back into more acting projects and I also have a podcast with two other ladies called "Bloss, Please!" that focuses on female empowerment. So this year will be jam-packed and I'm grateful to God for all of the opportunities that he has given to me. It's a blessing.

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## Malynda Hale Shines Light On Black Voices Through Various Mediums



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## Music Stars Making A Social Impact: Why & How Singer Malynda Hale of 'WeNeedToTalk' Is Helping To Change Our World



“...My focus has really been on giving Black voices a platform and dismantling any incorrect perceptions about the community or the Black Lives Matter movement as a whole. It’s very important that I use whatever platform I have to continue amplifying Black Voices.”

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## #WENEEDTOTALK WITH MALYNDHA HALE



"I've been working on a song that really shines light on conservative Christianity and the hypocrisy that lies within it. It will turn heads and definitely spark conversation, but everything in the song needs to be said. I co-wrote the song with a friend of mine named Ian Felchlin and it's produced by Komica Purnell who I've been working with for a while. In my entire faith journey, I have always been confused by some of the ideals that people hold near and dear to them even though they claim to be followers of Christ. I think it's important to put a mirror up to those people and call them out."

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## A Conversation with ‘We Need to Talk’ Podcast Host Malynda Hale



I was very lucky to have a close family unit, and parents that were very pro black, very pro excellence and always wanted my sister and I to be exposed to things that make us the best no matter what was brought our way in terms of adversity, specifically racial diversity. More often than not, I would say at least 95% of the time I was the only black kid in my class. I was the only black kid involved in theater, music, and choir and things like that. So, I always stood out like a sore thumb no matter what, but I tried to use it to my advantage as much as I could because I would be noticed, but I would always make sure that I worked hard to get the grades and the awards that I wanted to have.

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## Actress/Singer/Activist Malynda Hale On A Mission To Make More Black Voices Heard



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## Malynda Hale on Using Your Voice to Pursue Your Passions & Make a Difference



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## Malynda Hale: Conversations From Within Out



“I’ve always been a huge proponent of conversation and communication. And I think that’s where we fall short a lot in society. As a result, everything I say starts with a conversation. You can’t do anything without talking about it. Even if it’s just going to the grocery store to buy something, you talk about what you will get. So, through my podcast, #WeNeedToTalk, I can have conversations with people about these topics, opening the door for others to share their viewpoints and fostering empathy and understanding.

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## Use Your Voice: Meet Activist, Singer, and Podcaster Malynda Hale



“I think learning to advocate for myself and being authentic are two of the main things I’ve learned being a performer. Finding my voice was a big milestone for me even though at times I still feel like I’m trying to find it. But starting in music gave me the opportunity to figure out where I was needed the most and that’s what led me to social justice and activism.”

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OPINION

# My Blackness Shouldn't Have To Earn Your Empathy

Whether Black people are relatable or redeemable depends on their proximity to whiteness.





## Malynda Hale of 'WeNeedToTalk': “Don’t let your drive be louder than your instinct”



*“I have to trust my instinct rather than focusing on words I want to hear. Had I listened to myself in some specific situations I would have avoided some pretty bad conflicts, but I, unfortunately, had to learn the hard way.”*

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## Becoming a mom didn't stop my career, it gave it the boost it needed.



Sometimes becoming a mom allows you to see where you haven't been taking risks and that now is the time to do so. If you want big rewards you have to take big risks and I'm grateful that motherhood taught me that.

***Written by guest contributor  
Malynda Hale***

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Singer/Social Activist, Malynda Hale Talks Music & Using Her Platform to Discuss Important Issues



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## **'I won't stop until my dreams are recognized': Musician Malynda Hale on being tenacious and persistent**

Apart from being a skilled musician, Hale has also dabbled in acting and activism. Her upcoming EP comes out on June 22



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## REAL CHANGE CAN BEGIN WITH A CONVERSATION FT. MALYNDA HALE



“She believes that everything starts with a conversation—whether that’s diving into what defunding the police actually means, or looking at the ways we are called to include *all* people, not just those that look like us. She focuses on dismantling the negative perceptions toward black people held by many in America, and how her work is dedicated towards creating a more welcoming and safe world for everyone.”

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We had a great conversation with Actress Malynda Hale on The Chris & Sandy Show. We talked about many things from God, family, acting, music, her show, sacrifices, she told some stories to a whole lot more.

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