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Valerie V. Gay is a Certified Financial Planner®, non-profit administrator, recording/performing artist, and thought leader. She possesses a unique blend of executive leadership and financial expertise, paired with extensive program development. Val is an active performer across several genres. Performances include operas, special events, and solo concert recitals, including a solo performance at Carnegie Hall.

Val has been a serial entrepreneur since 2006, beginning with Fortress Arts Academy which provides arts and skill-building lessons to children and adults, especially those in underserved communities. Other companies and organizations under Val's leadership include Syncopate Advisors co-founded with Steve Pappaterra, a firm that works with leaders and organizations to own and share their authentic stories, Davis Gay + Associates co-founded with Kelly Davis, a firm that provides targeted support for nonprofit and social venture organizations that seek to solve societal problems, the EVER Ensemble, a collective of women musicians who perform diverse musical genres, from classical to hip hop Soul-Full Affirmations, which combines mindfulness practices with music to create a personalized product to assist clients in reaching their goals, and Fuse Vox, an apparel line which brings cultures together to create a fresh take on traditional pieces while offering encouragement through the clothing.

In 2019, Val received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from St. Joseph's University and has earned a Professional Studies Certificate and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance at Temple University's Boyer College of Music and Dance, a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance from the University of the Arts, completed degree course work at Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University and has been a Certified Financial Planner® since 2002.



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AS PERFORMED

- Women's Law Project Gala
- ArtWell Annual Event
- Urban League of Philadelphia's Annual Awards Luncheon

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- <u>Arts + Business Council of Philadelphia</u> Mentor Panelist Designing Leadership
- PECO Panelist, STEM Leadership Academy
- <u>Drexel University Close School of Entrepreneurship</u>-Keynote Speaker for Maguire Women's Empowerment Summit, Panelist, Black Entrepreneurship, Altomari Entrepreneurship Summer Camp

Origin: Philadelphia

Genre: Gospel, Pop, R&B, Soul, Country, Singer/Songwriter

Years Active: 2008 - Present

Label: Ithan and Lloyd

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