



## **Bliss Ananda Biography**

Bliss Ananda is a classically trained violinist, who has captivated audiences in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area with his signature “blue violin” for nearly three decades. Entering this world as Charles Tolbert, Bliss has always boasted a love and passion for all things music. With a musical style that covers numerous genres, including R&B and new Jazz, he has acquired quite a diverse following.

Bliss has sold thousands of CDs featuring his original music. To date, he has released “Life Is” and “Trinity,” which sold out of its first run. The violinist is currently in the process of releasing his new CD entitled Trinity Too which promises an array of new music offering fans a mix of R&B and smooth Jazz.

With his growing popularity, a wealth of high profile engagements have emerged. In the past year alone, Bliss has exploded on the local Washington, DC entertainment scene, headlining such events as the NGS 3rd Annual Freedom Award Dinner, hosted by The Honorable Joseph Lieberman, Lindsey Graham, John McCain and other political leaders. He could be frequently seen on one of the Eastern Market stages any given weekend along with performances at Busboy’s and Poets, a local Washington, DC restaurant, bookstore, fair trade market and gathering place. He also performed at the Malcom X Day event and several top federal conferences including a Father’s Day dinner and show.

Not only being a musician but entrepreneur, Bliss co-founded Sufi Rain Orchestra, D.A.T.A. Music Productions, Dowe Sound Lab recording studios, Search Musical Productions and the television show TC Talent Mix.

Bliss Ananda prides himself with delivering more than just entertainment. Through his music, he hopes to bring healing, a positive attitude and uplift his audiences. Unlike many artists, Bliss doesn’t just talk the talk but walks the walk by performing at nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) bringing music to employees and patients alike. He has even helped bring the NIH Community Orchestra (NIHCO) from a failing organization to a respected musical entity reviving not only the orchestra but its musicians ultimately benefiting audiences with year round performances. In 2005, Bliss Ananda received “The Outstanding Community Service Appreciation Award” from Boulevard Entertainment, a company that produces flagship music events celebrating D.C.’s finest artists.

Bliss Ananda is available for performances throughout the year. For booking contact: [bliss@blissananda.com](mailto:bliss@blissananda.com) or phone: 301- 257-6104.