

INDIA CARNEY

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SUMMARY

India Carney is a professional performing artist and vocalist whose work takes her to stadiums, arenas and symphony halls worldwide. Both before and after her 2015 television debut as a Top 5 Finalist on NBC's "The Voice," she has remained focused on honing her craft as a vocalist. Now a sought-after musician, India has developed a deeper understanding of her craft and what it means to be part of the music industry. From sold out shows at Madison Square Garden to creating the underscore for American Express campaigns and coaching aspiring singers on American Idol and The Voice, India continues to add value to her credibility as a force in the industry. As a solo artist, she explores a variety of genres (pop, r&b, folk, musical theater, classical) which allow her to express a unique stamp on her artistry. As an educator, she brings her knowledge of vocal technique as well as her humility to the classroom, affecting change and excellence in her students from the inside out.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles, United States
Bachelor of Arts in Music - Voice Performance Minor in Music Industry	08/2011 - 05/2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal Teachers: Juliana Gondek, Peter Kazaras• True Bruin Distinguished Senior Award• Rubinn Scholar• Legacy Scholar• Wilson Scholar• AAP Scholar• HASOM Award• Dean's Honors List	
Fiorello H LaGuardia Arts High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts	New York, United States
Vocal Major	09/2007 - 06/2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• YoungArts Finalist in Pop Voice, Honorary Mention in Musical Theater & Classical Voice U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts• NYC Chancellor's Endorsement for the Arts• U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts• Dr. Benjamin Steigman Founding Principal's Award	
Manhattan School of Music	New York, United States
Vocal Major (Pre-College Division)	09/2007 - 06/2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concentration in Vocal Performance (Opera and Music Theater)• Carl Owen Memorial Endowed Scholarship Award	

POSITIONS HELD

University of Colorado Boulder	Boulder, United States
Assistant Professor of Contemporary Music	08/2025 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant review committee member for prospective Songwriting students.• Teach academic courses in Songwriting, Vocal Arranging and Vocal Performance.• Provide one-on-one applied instruction in Songwriting, covering aspects of Songwriting and Vocal Performance.• Actively pursue creative work (field research, on/off-camera live performances, touring, original compositions).• Participate in Service opportunities that give back to the Students and Faculty at CU Boulder.	

POSITIONS HELD

India Carney Music, Inc. / Various Companies	Various
Background Vocalist Session Vocalist Vocal Arranger Vocal Director Vocal Coach	2015 - Present
Featured Vocalist	
• Touring (Domestic and International) with artists such as Olivia Rodrigo, Kali Uchis, Katy Perry and Mariah Carey; Expected to meet the musical and vocal demands of such material. These tours can range anywhere from 1 - 9 months of time spent on the road, traveling, maintaining good vocal & mental health, and being prepared for performance adjustments that often happen at various times during tour.	
• Quick study/knowledge of ear training and music theory. This comes in handy often, but especially in sessions for Film/TV projects where time is limited and music literacy is imperative.	
• Performer on various television broadcasts and live events (Grammys, B.E.T. Awards, Coachella, Oscars and more) with the likes of Justin Bieber, Billie Eilish, H.E.R. and Lady Gaga, expected to meet the music and vocal demands of such material, as well as meet professional expectations.	
• Ability to create, record and engineer remotely; proficiency in LogicPro, microphone technique and setup, interfaces and studio etiquette.	
• Vocal Coaching (American Idol, The Voice, Alter Ego, I Can See Your Voice) requires having good time management skills, communicating with Contestants to inspire their best performances, creating television-specific arrangements of Contestants' song choices, and assessing Contestants' vocal goals so that I may advise on their vocal health and development.	
• Vocal Arranging/Producing requires a strong ear that can hear existing harmonies and potential harmonic ideas/additions. As an Arranger/Producer, I fill musical space with vocal effects, embellishments, intricate harmonies and other additions to enhance the soundscape of an existing sound recording.	
• Maintain social media following (over 100k followers) with exciting content and music releases. All content created in-house by India Carney with visuals often done alongside creative collaborator Jordan Allen.	

National YoungArts Foundation	Miami, United States
Voice Panelist	11/2024 - Present
• Adjudicator on Selection Committee evaluating 20 YoungArts Finalists from 100+ applicants.	
• Oversee 20+ students during National YoungArts Week through masterclasses and mentorship, targeted at vocal technique, music industry career insight and overall artistry.	
• Co-creative/musical director of Voice Finalists' performance during National YoungArts Week, held at the New World Center in Miami, FL.	

UCLA Summer Voice Intensive	Los Angeles, United States
Ensemble Instructor and Voice Coach	06/2020 - 06/2022
• Taught masterclasses to 20+ graduating high school students; Covered voice technique, stage presence and vocal performance.	
• Gave educational insight on college auditions, careers in music, vocal health & performance and handling performance anxiety.	
• Gave one-on-one instruction in vocal technique, stage presence and vocal performance.	
• Facilitated Active Listening classes (ear training, study of different vocal performances and musical genres).	

A Cappella Academy	Los Angeles, United States
Music Director/Instructor/Counselor	07/2014 - 07/2017
• Taught one-on-one instruction in vocal technique, vocal hygiene, vocal arranging, and stage presence.	
• Coached small ensemble groups of up to 12 singers, conducted daily rehearsals, organized group finale showcase, and produced a studio recording album.	
• Modeled a cappella singing of choral and contemporary works to an ensemble of 80 Academy Choir members.	

Languages

English Native 

Spanish Intermediate 

Training / Courses

CU: FERPA for CU-SIS Access Certification — Certified by the University of Colorado, focusing on confidentiality as it pertains to students' academic records.

CU: Nondiscrimination, Sexual Misconduct, and Reporting Certification

— Certified by the University of Colorado, focusing on physical and emotional safety in the classroom.

TEACHING/MENTORSHIP

Private Voice Studio

Los Angeles, United States and Virtual

2011 - Present

Vocal Coach

- Assess singer's areas of improvement and agree on a plan of action.
- Work to fulfill the student's personal goals, whether they be rooted in vocal technique, style, or other areas within my expertise.
- Provide professional and career mentorship when appropriate.

National YoungArts Foundation

Miami, United States

11/2024 - Present

Voice Panelist

- Adjudicator on Selection Committee for National YoungArts Week, selecting ~20 YoungArts Finalists from 100+ applicants across classical and contemporary (jazz, singer-songwriter, pop) styles of music.
- Provide guidance in the form of vocal masterclasses and career mentorship to ~20 YoungArts Finalists (aged 15-18) during National YoungArts Week.
- Co-creative/musical director of Voice Finalists' performance during National YoungArts Week, held at the New World Center.

CREATIVE WORK (2023-early 2026)

Background Vocalist for The Resonator Awards (honoring Chaka Khan)

2026

Henson Recording Studios, Hollywood

Steven Hackman's "The Resurrection Mixtape"

2026

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Herbert Circle Theatre

Steven Hackman's "Bartók X Björk"

2026

Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall

Featured Performer at John Snow's "Greenwich Village and the 60's"

2026

Los Angeles LGBT Center at the Renberg Theater

India Carney at Miami Arts Week in Partnership with Chase Sapphire, YoungArts and Work of Art Holdings

2025

Miami, FL

India Carney at The Gin Mill's Speakeasy

2025

The Gin Mill, NYC

India Carney at Glass Hill

2025

Los Feliz, CA

Background Vocalist and Vocal Director for The Find Your Light Foundation's 2025 "Find Your Light" Gala

2025

Jazz at Lincoln Center, NYC

Steven Hackman's "Bartók X Björk"

2025

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Herbert Circle Theatre

Steven Hackman's "Brahms v. Radiohead"

2025

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall

Background Vocals for Lady Gaga's Coachella Performance

2025

India's Demo and Final Vocals featured in the performance - Recorded and Edited by India Carney / Arr. Aaron Encinas

AMAN Nai Lert, Opening Week - Featured Performances

2025

Bangkok, Thailand

Featured Singer with Moby at Cercle Odyssey

2025

Los Angeles Convention Center

Steven Hackman's "Tchaikovsky X Drake"

2025

Destin Symphony Orchestra at the Emerald Coast Convention Center

NPR Tiny Desk, Background Vocalist for Artist Michael Mayo

2025

NPR Headquarters, Washington D.C.

Featured Singer with Jahari Stampley

2025

Sun Rose, Los Angeles CA

Background Vocalist for Kali Uchis' The Sincerely, Tour

06/2025 - 10/2025

Various National and International Arenas

Background Vocalist for Kali Uchis at Yaamava'

2025

Yaamava', Highland, CA

CREATIVE WORK (2023-early 2026)

Season 23 of American Idol - Vocal Coach (Hollywood Week) 2025 Los Angeles, CA	Background Vocalist for Kali Uchis on Jimmy Kimmel Live 2025 Los Angeles, CA	Season 28 of NBC's The Voice - Vocal Coach (Blind Auditions) 2025 Los Angeles, CA
Background Vocalist for NBC's The Voice Season 29 - Finale Episode 2025 Universal Studios, CA	Season 24 of American Idol - Vocal Coach (Hollywood Week) 2025 Nashville, TN	Background Vocalist for Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Jess Glynne 2025 Los Angeles, CA
Background Vocalist for Snoop Dogg and Composer, Chris Martin 2024 The Game Awards	Featured Vocalist - Adam Blackstone Legacy Experience Christmas Tour 2024 Napa Valley, Los Angeles	India Carney at The Sultan Room 2024 Brooklyn, NYC
Background Vocalist and Vocal Director for The Find Your Light Foundation's 2024 "Find Your Light" Gala 2024 Jazz at Lincoln Center, NYC	India Carney at The Hotel Cafe 2024 Los Angeles, CA	Steven Hackman's "And I Love Her - The Beatles Reimagined" 2024 Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at Herbert Circle Theatre
Steven Hackman's "Tchaikovsky X Drake" 2024 New World Symphony Miami, FL	Music and Creative Director for YoungArts Alumni Showcase 2024 Nimoy Theater Los Angeles, CA	India Carney at the Nimoy Theater 2024 Los Angeles, CA
Guest Performance with Cory Henry 2024 Sun Rose Los Angeles, CA	Background Vocalist and Vocal Arranger for The 66th Annual Grammy Awards - Olivia Rodrigo 2024 Los Angeles, CA	Background Vocalist and Vocal Director for Olivia Rodrigo's GUTS World Tour 102 performances 01/2024 - 10/2024 Various National and International Arenas (North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand)
Steven Hackman's "The Resurrection Mixtape" 2023 Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at Cincinnati Music Hall	Background Vocalist for "Mariah Carey's Christmas Time" Tour 2023 Various Arenas Nationwide	Background Vocalist for iHeart Radio Jingle Ball - Olivia Rodrigo 2023 Los Angeles, CA
Background Vocalist for The Late Show With Stephen Colbert - Olivia Rodrigo 2023 New York City	Steven Hackman's "Tchaikovsky X Drake" 2023 The Florida Orchestra at Mahaffey Theater	Featured Performer with Larry Goldings at Herb Alpert's Vibrato Grill Jazz 2023 Los Angeles, CA
India Carney at Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts - The Sorting Room 2023 Beverly Hills, CA	Steven Hackman's "And I Love Her - The Beatles Reimagined" 2023 The Phoenix Symphony at Symphony Hall	Vocal Arranger/Director for an American Express Platinum Event featuring Olivia Rodrigo 2023 The Ace Theater, Los Angeles

CREATIVE WORK (2023-early 2026)

Steven Hackman's "Tchaikovsky X Drake" 2023 Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra at the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center	Featured Performer at the West Indian American Day Parade 2023 Live in Brooklyn, New York Aired on Local TV News Outlets	India Carney at The Hotel Cafe, Opening for Sami Stevens 2023 Los Angeles, CA
August Residency (Weekly) at NeueHouse Hollywood 2023 Los Angeles, CA	Steven Hackman - Original Premiere 2023 Sun Valley, Idaho	Steven Hackman's "Tchaikovsky X Drake" 2023 San Francisco Symphony Orchestra at Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall
Steven Hackman's "The Brink" at Watergarden 2023 Santa Monica, CA	Background Vocalist for Rayvon Owen at LA Pride 2023 West Hollywood, CA	Season 22 of American Idol - Vocal Coach 2023 Los Angeles, CA
Background/Session Vocalist for The 95th Academy Awards - Sophia Carson 2023 Los Angeles, CA	Steven Hackman's "Tchaikovsky X Drake" 2023 Dallas Symphony Orchestra at Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center	Featured Performer with John Snow at The Odyssey Theater 2023 Los Angeles, CA

STUDIO/FILM RECORDINGS

◆ "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" - Recording of Original Vocal Arrangement 2024 - Present UNRELEASED	◆ "Mirror" - Original Composition 2025 UNRELEASED Music and Lyrics by India Carney Production by India Carney and Taylor Fugit Guitarists - Jason Pitts and Taylor Fugit Bass - Nicholas Campbell Mixed by Dan Crowley Mastered by Patrick Dillon Curry	◆ "Pieces of Us" Family Company Album - Background Vocalist, Multiple Songs 2025 RELEASED
◆ "The Recovery Series" - Podcast 2024 - Present UNRELEASED	◆ "Precious Mind" - Moby featuring India Carney 2024 RELEASED	◆ "Recovery" - Original Composition 2024 Music and Lyrics by India Carney Production by India Carney and Patrick Dillon Curry Recorded, Mix, Master by Patrick Dillon Curry Guitarist - Horace Bray
◆ "Black Hole Sun" - Cover 2024 Sound Recording and YouTube Video	◆ Background Vocalist and Vocal Arranger for "Good Man" - Andy Grammer 2024 RELEASED	◆ Olivia Rodrigo's "GUTS World Tour" (Background Vocalist) 2024 Available on Netflix

STUDIO/FILM RECORDINGS

◆ Session Vocalist on "Lady In The Lake" Ep. 107 2024 Apple TV+	◆ Vocal Arranger/Producer for Brandy's "Christmas With Brandy" 2023 Work featured on "Deck The Halls," "Santa Baby," "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" and "Jingle Bells"	◆ Vocalist on "Forspoken" (Videogame) 2023 Bear McCreary, Composer
◆ Film Session Vocalist on "Trolls: Band Together" - Film and Official Soundtrack 2023 DreamWorks Animation	◆ Session Vocalist on "The Color Purple" (Film) 2023 Warner Bros. Pictures	◆ On-Camera Performer on "All American" (Ep. 512) 2023 CBS Studios / Warner Bros. Pictures
◆ "Untouchable" - Anomalie featuring India Carney 2023 Co-writer and Vocal Arranger	◆ "Where Your Heart Is" - Original Composition 2023 Written by India Carney and Dimitri Ehrlich Engineering/Production - G'harah Degeddingseze Co-Production - Deondre Collins and India Carney Mixed by Joe Crow Mastered by Duncan Ferguson	◆ Session Vocalist on "You People" (Film) 2022 Warner Bros. Pictures
◆ "God Forbid" - Original Composition 2022 Music and Lyrics by India Carney Guitarist - Jason Pitts Recorded and Mixed by Joe Crow Mastered by Jett Galindo	◆ Background Vocalist on "Little Did I Know" - Julia Michaels 2021	◆ Background Vocalist on "Wasting Angels" - Post Malone featuring The Kid LAROI 2021
◆ "Human" - Original Composition 2021 Writer, Pianist, Vocal Arranger - India Carney String Arrangement by Yasmeen Al-Mazeedi Production by India Carney and G'harah Degeddingseze Mixed by Eric Racy Mastered by Stephen Kaye	◆ Featured Vocalist for American Express National Holiday Campaign "Small Lang Syne" 2020 National Commercial - All vocals recorded and edited by India Carney. Mixed by Dan Farber.	◆ Studio Recording of "Auld Lang Syne" for American Express National Holiday Campaign "Small Lang Syne" 2020 Recorded at Lucy's Meat Market, Los Angeles, CA. Mastered by Stephen Kaye.

SERVICE

Songwriting Applicant Search Committee

Interviewer/Reviewer

01/2026

- Review Songwriting portfolio submissions (artist statement, musical analysis, original compositions).
- Facilitate interviews with Songwriting applicants and Mike Barnett.
- Discuss interview results with Mike Barnett and adjudicate 15 Songwriting submissions.