



Short Bio *for* **APRIL R. SILVER**

Communications and Marketing Executive, Cultural Arts Curator,
Social Justice Activist, and Published Writer/Editor.

Founder and CEO of AKILA WORKSONGS

April R. Silver is a social entrepreneur and writer. A native New Yorker who is now Brooklyn-based, Silver is also the founder of AKILA WORKSONGS, a public relations agency. She is highly regarded for her holistic approach to communications and marketing and for representing a wide range of progressive clients. In a variety of ways, AKILA WORKSONGS (founded in 1993) has represented or collaborated with some of the most progressive artists and activists of the past 60 years, from Amiri Baraka, Nana Camille Yarbrough, Sonia Sanchez, and Danny Glover to Mayor Ras J. Baraka, Sister Souljah, Doug E. Fresh, Kevin Powell, KRS-One, Marc Lamont Hill, Andrea Ritchie, and many others. Institutionally, her clients have ranged from the Ford Foundation and Carnegie Hall to the Apollo Theater and American University of Nigeria.

As a writer, Silver has been published in the *New York Daily News*, *Word.Beats.Life* (*The Global Journal of Hip Hop Culture*), as well as many anthologies and blogs. Her first book, [Be a Father to Your Child](#), (Soft Skull Press/Counterpoint) is cited as a “powerful and groundbreaking anthology” (HuffPost Black Voices). *Mothering Magazine* says the book is an “artfully designed anthology that addresses the intersection of hip-hop with issues of black masculinity and parenting...”

In 2022, Silver became a volunteer business mentor with the NYC Department of Small Business Services. In 2023, Silver was invited to become a faculty member with SUNY Old Westbury’s Education Opportunity Program and taught the university’s first-ever hip hop and social justice class.

A student of Orisa spiritual practice for 30+ years, Silver is a sanctioned custodian of traditional Ifa culture as expressed by the Yoruba people in West Africa. She was initiated to Ifa in Nigeria by Chief Fakayode Faniyi and is currently in training with her mentor Chief Ayanda Ifadara Clarke.

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