

Backtrack Vocals, A Cappella Group

Backtrack Vocals is a five-member professional a cappella group based in New York City, renowned for their innovative vocal and beatbox arrangements that transform a wide range of genres, including pop, funk, Motown, standards, and Broadway tunes. Since their inception on YouTube in 2013, they have garnered over 113,000 subscribers and 13 million views, leading to performances across the United States and internationally in countries like Vietnam and Kazakhstan. Their versatile repertoire ensures there's something for every audience.

Melissa Jordano: Co-President of Backtrack Vocals, Melissa is a singer and songwriter from Basking Ridge, NJ. She earned her B.A. in Film & Media Studies from Johns Hopkins University in 2014, with minors in Applied Mathematics & Statistics and Entrepreneurship & Management. During her college years, she was an active member of the university's competitive a cappella group, Octopodes. Melissa joined Backtrack in 2015 and has been pivotal in transitioning the group from an online hobby to a professional performing ensemble. In 2021, she released her debut solo EP, "Lullabye."

Mike Hinkle: Co-President of Backtrack Vocals, Mike is an actor and singer from Wilmington, DE. He attended Cab Calloway School of the Arts, focusing on musical theatre, drama, and vocal performance. Mike received a BFA from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts in Drama, studying at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting and the Lee Strasberg Film and Theatre Institute. He was also a member of NYU's original co-ed a cappella group, APC Rhythm. Since joining Backtrack in 2017, Mike has honed his video editing skills and played a significant role in the group's business operations.

Chrissy Aloisio: A singer, dancer, actress, and teacher based in New York City, Chrissy began singing in church choir at the age of 9. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Delaware, where she sang with the award-winning a cappella group, Vocal Point. Before joining Backtrack in 2021, Chrissy performed professionally in musical theatre, directed shows for children, and taught various performing arts disciplines. She serves as the group's Choreographer and Social Media Manager.

Max Addae: A vocalist, music technologist, and award-winning vocal arranger based in Brooklyn, NY, Max developed his love for singing in church around the age of 6. He continued his musical pursuits through advanced choral ensembles, musical theatre, and contemporary a cappella in high school and college. While pursuing graduate studies at MIT, Max served as Music Director of Upper Structure, a

pop/R&B a cappella group at the Berklee College of Music, leading them to first place at the 2023 Los Angeles A Cappella Festival (LAAF) Scholastic Competition.

Michael Crisol (aka Doctor Brick): A professional beatboxer from the Bronx, Michael has been competitively beatboxing since 2016 in cities across North America, including Boston, Atlanta, New York, and Toronto. As of 2022, he is ranked as the 16th best beatboxer in the U.S.

Beyond their performances, Backtrack Vocals is dedicated to music education. They have conducted programs at over 250 schools worldwide, offering assemblies, workshops, and clinics on topics like beatboxing, group vocal improvisation, and pop vocal techniques. These initiatives aim to help students discover and develop their unique voices, promote inclusivity, and provide engaging insights into a cappella music.

Their achievements include winning New York's Got Talent Season 6 in 2019, being featured on "Voices Only" (vol. 2) in 2018, and winning Steve Harvey's Sing Off in 2017. They have also appeared on platforms such as NBC, FOX, PBS, Broadway's "Kinky Boots," and HBO's "PAUSE with Sam Jay." In December 2020, they made their movie debut in "A Ring for Christmas," and in June 2023, they performed and were interviewed on Kazakhstan's national morning show "ОЯН!".