**Silvia Cohen**

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**BIOGRAPHY:**

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Artist, Sylvia “Gbaby” Cohen, founder of Gbaby Art Inc, purposes her creations as an apparatus to inspire, encourage, and motivate all who encounter each and every one-of-a-kind piece. Sylvia’s GbabyTM brand officially took root in the early 2000’s when Sylvia’s teenage daughter, Giovonnie, who was an actress on Nickelodeon’s All That, was looking for a handbag to wear to an awards ceremony. Sylvia’s creative spirit took hold and she painted a beautiful women of color on a handbag. Little did she know it would be the first step into building the brand known today as Gbaby.

Now living in Conyers, Georgia, Sylvia plans to continue to spread the GbabyTM influence. She is continuing to paint original paintings and mixed media masks. With two licensing deals, her artwork is produced on an array of products including: blankets, pillows, shower curtains, socks and woven tote bags. Sylvia has just released her ninth inspirational calendar with Shades of Color and is currently working on her tenth anniversary edition entitled “Happy, Healthy and Holistic.” She has also expanded the reach of the Gbaby brand to include a publishing company, "My Heart on the Line." The company has launched the first book, "The Art of Business; The Business of Art" workbook, and Gbaby's first adult coloring book "Goddess of Nature.” Sylvia’s books, art and products are available at gbabyart.com. Sylvia and her husband Jeff just opened 1010 Artisan Collective in Old Town Conyers Georgia.

Artist Statement What started out as painting black women on handbags turn into my mission: “ To put beautiful

black women on everything we use everyday at an affordable price.” Thirty years later, my art has been published on over 40 products through three licensed contracts. An added bonus is people all of the world can purchase my art and start or grow a business. Having a love for functional art, I was blessed when asked to put my art on woven tote bags. Now creating the ten year anniversary black women inspirational planner I am excited about what God will have me create next.