

Vernon Reid is a Grammy award-winning guitarist, composer and visual artist. In the 1980s, he led the pioneering multi-platinum rock band Living Colour, and since then has collaborated with Carlos Santana, Public Enemy, Defunkt and the African singer Salif Keita, as well as with choreographers Bill T. Jones and Donald Byrd. Reid is also the founder of the Black Rock Coalition, which helps combat the pigeonholing of African American musicians. Outside of music, his work includes the educational media project, *Artificial Afrika*, and his photography was featured as part of the Brooklyn Museum of Art exhibit, *Committed to the Image: Contemporary Black Photographers*.