

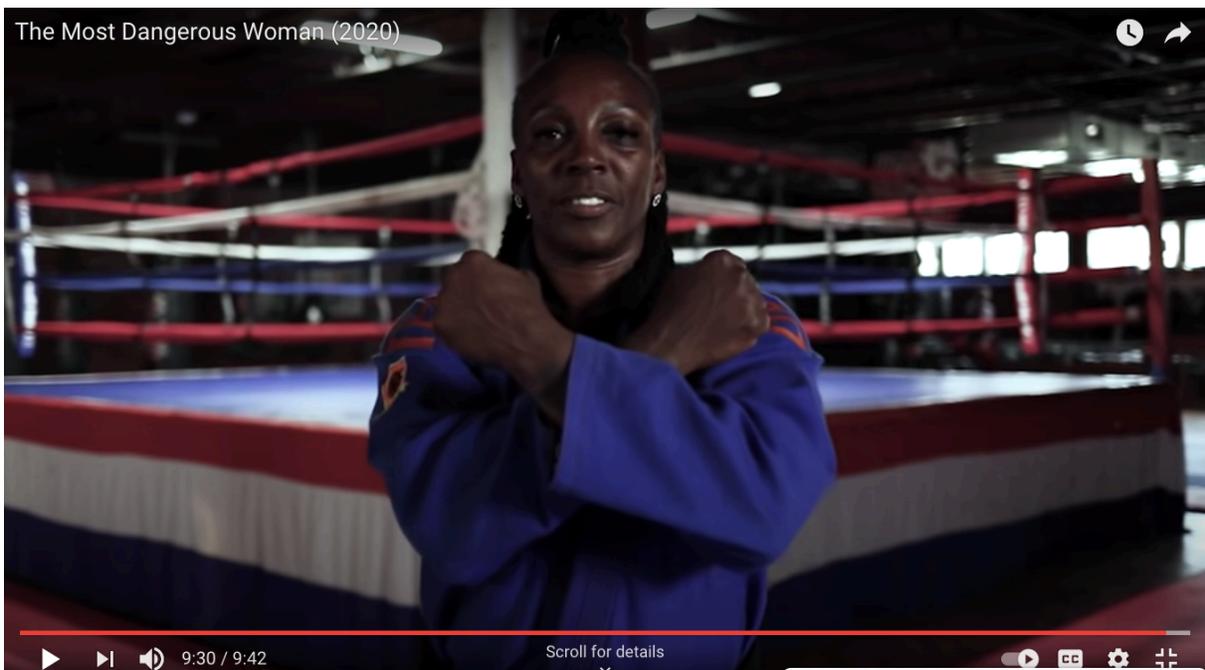
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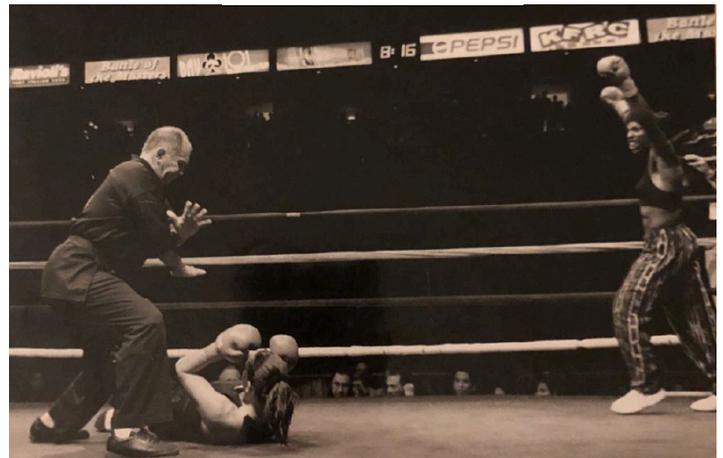
Fredia Gibbs - 3X World Champion Women's Kickboxer and Martial Arts Legend to be honored with 6 foot Bronze Statue, sculpted by a Legend in the world of art **Jennifer Frudakis-Petry**. Statue is now in Laran Bronze foundry, for final bronze casting, with unveiling anticipated Summer 2021.

Gibbs' life story is currently featured in a [viral Youtube documentary video with over 1.5 million views in 2021](#), with a feature film in the works!



[Click here for documentary link:](#)

As Cassius Clay once said “I shook up the World” after beating Sonny Liston, Fredia Gibbs echoed those same words when she shocked the kickboxing world by defeating French Superstar Valerie Wiet Henin to capture the ISKA World Superlightweight Kickboxing title in 1994. This upset was seen by millions world wide on a pay per view event, and with the victory, Gibbs became the fist African-American female to win a World Kickboxing Championship.



Gibbs knocking out the current World Champion Valerie Henin to take her first World Kickboxing Title!



Gibbs with her 3 World Championship Kickboxing Title Belts

Nicknamed “The Cheetah,” Gibbs also seized the title “The Most Dangerous Woman in the World” from Henin.

Gibbs continued to rock the Kickboxing world, achieving a 16-0 career record with 15 K.O.’s, and becoming a 3-time World Champion. She went on as a top contender in professional boxing, with ESPN televised and world title fights, ending her boxing career at 9-2 after injuries forced retirement.

An iconic multi-sport champion who competed in multiple sports simultaneously (basketball, track and field, martial arts, kickboxing and boxing), Gibbs has been called “the greatest female athlete in the history of Delaware County, PA.” She was named a First Team Kodak All-American basketball player at Cabrini University, and in 2019 was called “the greatest athlete — male or female — in the history of Cabrini.”

Gibbs also played professional basketball in Europe.

Amazingly, during her record-breaking basketball career, she also won 3 World Championships in Tae Kwon Do. In 2016, Gibbs was named as one of the Top Ten African-American Female Athletes of all Time.

When Sculptor Jennifer Frudakis Petry unveils the Fredia Gibbs 6 foot bronze statue this year, this inspiring work of art will be the first statue of a female athlete in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the first statue of a female martial artist on the planet!

Phil Damiani, a spokesman for Team Fredia, the group planning the Fredia Gibbs statue, said recently: “Fredia Gibbs is a force of nature! She rose from the projects of Chester, PA, overcoming all challenges and extreme odds to become a World Champion. Fredia Gibbs is truly Statue Worthy! Fredia and Sculptor Jen Frudakis-Petry form an incredible one-two punch!”



Full size model of statue, before delivery to foundry for bronzing

Damiani indicated that the final location for the statue is still under deliberation, with several options in Pennsylvania being discussed, to ensure the best long term visibility for this historic work of art. [According to Mellon Foundation President Elizabeth Alexander, on the Today Show 3/17/21](#), there are 1500 public statues in Philadelphia, **and only 2 are of women!**

Viral Video leading to full length feature film of Fredia Gibbs' life!

In November 2020, sports documentary filmmaker Sideline released a film about Fredia Gibbs. It tells the story of her early life as a desperate victim of constant bullying, until her uncle, a martial arts instructor, brought her to karate school. These karate lessons were to teach her self defense, but more importantly, to repair her broken self-confidence and self-esteem. It worked, and young Fredia began to realize great success in school and sports. The documentary also shares the troubling encounter Fredia had with a male attacker in the year prior to her kickboxing world championship.

Fredia Gibbs might have been the only woman on earth who was prepared to fight and escape an attacker who trapped her in a van at 3 am in a remote area. She literally beat him up and left him crying for mercy. And where truth can only be stranger than fiction....years later, Fredia learned that her attacker had in fact been a notorious serial killer!

The documentary has shaken up Youtube with over 1.5 million views, and Fredia is now in discussions with producers who hope to make a **full length feature film** of her life story!



In 2016, Gibbs published her autobiography *The Fredia Gibbs Story - Meet the Most Dangerous Woman in the World* (available on Amazon), and **hosted a radio show "World of Sports with the Cheetah" in Los Angeles.**

In her spare time, Gibbs is a highly sought after public speaker on topics of motivation, personal development and self-defense, with her inspirational mottos "Protect Yourself at All Times" and "Be a Champion of Life"!

Sculptor Jennifer Frudakis-Petry



Frudakis-Petry with her Anthony Bordain bas relief at Culinary Institute of America

Team Fredia is honored to work with Sculptor Jennifer Frudakis-Petry of the famed Frudakis family of sculptors. The project brings together **two extraordinary women who are true icons**. Frudakis-Petry is a legend in her own right. In 2018, she completed a 7 foot statue of NFL great Emlen Tunnell, the first African-American inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, which stands in Radnor, PA, and a 6 X 8 bas relief of the History of the Negro Baseball League, at Stockton University in Galloway, NJ, as well as a bas relief of famed chef Anthony Bourdain, commissioned for the Culinary Institute of America.



Frudakis-Petry and Gibbs at event inducting Gibbs into the Delaware County, PA Athletic Hall of Fame 2019

Frudakis-Petry was recently announced as the “Sculptor in Residence” for the Sports Legends of Delaware County (PA) Museum. Damiani stated that it is hoped that Frudakis-Petry will continue to work with his group for additional statues of women who have made a difference in history, sports and in the community.



l-r Members of “Team Fredia” (Phil Damiani and Rich Pagano) with Gibbs and Frudakis-Petry, along with an early clay model of the statue

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Fredia Gibbs

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Fredia Gibbs Statue Project (website): <https://www.frediagibbs-statue.com>

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