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influences the next person's view on life. People who tend to deliver a speech or a talk as speakers of some sort, are bound to say what they believe in and it may not be what works for you. Your mind needs to be alert whenever you invest time to listen to somebody else's utterances.

Do not be quick to conclude it is your truth. A speaker capturing your mind in the first two minutes, leads to one being brainwashed forever. Not all spoken in confidence is the truth, sometimes it's all for selfish benefits. The fallacy of a global world being one is a myth that is sold to an ignorant mind, that's the mind seen as inferior by the one benefiting the most.

The ignorant mind still believes karma is coming for the oppressor from somewhere, yet for this to be a reality, you need to be the initiator of the events leading to karma befalling the oppressor. We need to deal with the mind first, for as long it stays captured, brainwashed and controlled then that's inevitable doom. Let the mind be prepared for any info coming its way.

Always remember that those who cause problems and in turn bring solutions are the ones in control. I hope that we are in control of what's in between our ears every time. The magazine is here and it's all yours enjoy and know that it's going to be a good year. Ciao

My blood flows smoothly and my veins lighten up as pen and paper compliment each other so as to make sure that my message is clear and relevant. Views and opinions are expressed as a matter of owning a standpoint because as human beings, we can't all think, process, observe and see things the same way.

For example, we are already living in a world filled with different religions and those impose doctrines on their followers to live and abide by them. Now as a person you choose which one to follow, with the belief that it guides you in the right direction, builds and moulds you to be a better person and give you hindsight on life.

There is power in the word that the mouth utters because whatever message it carries,

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Hey there! Welcome to yet another rich and ripe Ibrah Magazine issue. Here at IBRAH Magazine we pride ourselves in giving you nothing but the very best of Infordutainment.

Firstly, special thanks to all the creatives who trusted us with their stories and agreed to be part of this amazing issue. Secondly, we'd like to appreciate the team behind the magazine which works tirelessly behind the scenes. Your works don't go unnoticed fam, keep up the good work! Lastly, a huge shout-out to every single person out there who reads IBRAH Magazine. This issue is for you and thank you so much for the continued support.

I hope your March was superb and your April will be even better! As we continue the journey we started way back in November 2019, we wish you all a lovely month. Should you feel like you'd like to read some of our previous issues feel free to email us [ibrahmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:ibrahmagazine@gmail.com). This issue is filled to the brim with the most inspirational stories so do read and get inspired. Awesomeness unlimited here at your magazine of choice!

Pleasant reading.

From Chidadiso 'Chichie' Mbazzo  
on behalf of the IBRAH MAGAZINE TEAM

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- Gospel Musician
- TV/Radio Personality
- Multi Lingual MC
- Songwriter



# ARTS & RECREATION

With Nia Makhaza



## EMOTIONAL COLLATERAL

Nia Makhaza

**W**riting is an art. One so beautiful and enchanting, delicately crafted, glistening in finery.

Very few people have mastered this extraordinary art and Nia Makhaza is one of the few chosen ones who got the calling. Nokwanda Melania Makhaza is a pseudonym for a young lady who was born and raised in Bulawayo.

Nia is a writer and she works in the health sector. She's also a farmer. Her father is her greatest inspiration. He loved reading a lot and she emulated him. By the time she was in primary school she read the sports section of the newspaper for him. When she was in grade 5 he introduced her to George Orwell, Chinua Achebe amongst other writers.

WRITING KO NTUTHU PRESENTS

# LELO'S IDENTITY

BY NIA MAKHAZA

WRITING FROM KONTUTHU

## *Breaking the Sizinda Code*

*What would a woman do to keep her man, a man and any man?*

BY NOKWANDA NIA MAKHAZA

By the time she was in grade 7 she had read the whole Nancy Drew series and lots of other books. The reading culture awakened the writer in her. As they say, writers are readers! Nia has a Facebook page called Writing koNtuthu where you find most of her work. "Even when I'm writing for Facebook I write in full. I don't compromise on the writing style by messing punctuation or writing in short hand", she said.

Nokwanda writes about social problems affecting people. The romantic relationships that prevail in her stories are against a background of issues that affect ordinary people. She reads newspapers and social pages a lot and often tries to reconstruct and give life to real stories that affect individuals.

Do we always have to follow the advice they gave us on our wedding day or we fix this our own way?

## My second marriage

The greatest challenge she has had so far in the literary sector is monetary gain. She has published a number of books but the effort has never equated financial gain. Nia has however made peace with the situation and finds comfort in the fact that her books can at least touch a soul out there.

During an interview with Ibrah Magazine this dynamite stated that she hasn't had a lot of creatives appreciating her work although she however owes her presence and recognition to Stories by Cleo. When she first launched Writing koNtuthu, she sent her the link and she selflessly shared with her readers. To date, Nia has a large support base from people from Bulawayo, South Africa and abroad.

Her greatest inspiration is Danielle Steel. She described her as a creative who tells stories with ease without sensationalizing characters which makes her characters relatable.

Her greatest accomplishments so far have been being able to launch Writing koNtuthu and maintaining consistency even in the face of brutal criticism as well as having one of her academic articles being made a source of scholarly reference at a certain University in Europe. Nia has also featured in a project that won an award in one of the country's prestigious award ceremonies honouring creative arts. Besides fiction, Nokwanda also writes academic articles.

Those who wish to purchase her books can contact her directly on her WhatsApp number that's displayed on her Facebook page. Nia is currently working on having any one of her books adapted for television. She also hopes to be a head writer in a regional or international media field.

We do wish to see her continue inspiring us and touching our hearts, tapping into the very depths of our souls through her work.

Complied By Chidadiso F Mbazoz



# THABIZOLO

NIA MAKHAZA

**ART IS NOT  
JUST A  
CRAFT, IT'S  
A LIFESTYLE!**

**YEMURAI "AMANY" NYONI**



**T**he beauty of his craft lies in his ability to release bodies of work in different genres and still manage to sound good each and every time!

Amany is surely not just a talented creative but he's also versatile in every sense. We might not know how he does it



but he's definitely phenomenal in every regard that's for sure the name Amany is short for A Man Named Yemurai. Yemurai Nyoni popularly known as Amany is a multi-genre singer-songwriter born and raised in Bulawayo.

His first album was Hip-hop and over the years he has released bodies of work in House, Afro-soul,

Amapiano, Afro-beats, Afro-pop and reggae. Beyond music, he's an author, researcher and a youth development specialist.

Amany has always had an ear and love for music. In his early years he'd create remixes of songs with his brother. He was once in a dance group and won a dance competition at some point. Later on, he got involved in music as part of the church choir and eventually stepped up to lead music in a small church he joined whilst studying in the UK.

Amany started taking music seriously in 2017 when he had his first recording studio session. In 2019 he released his first single, a gospel song called Najesu. His second track was entitled Ngiyabonga which launched him into the local music scene after Khulumani FM interviewed him for the first time as an artist, he had been there a few times as an SRHR activist.

The response he got was the fire he needed to fully ignite his music career and it's been fulfilling since then. The biggest challenge he has faced has been monetizing his craft as a musician. In an interview with IBRAH Magazine,



he stated that he is yet to make back the amount of money he has invested in the music industry to date. He believes that as long as he's not paid well as an artist then there's no guarantee that he'll be able to keep creating music.

At the current moment, he is pursuing partnership opportunities with events managers in the city to host more



paid events and get good returns on his investments. Musically, he is inspired by Jacob Banks and Costa Tich. Amany believes that he shares a relatively similar vocal profile with Mr. Banks as he writes about themes that resonate with his journey as an individual.

Costa Tich on the other hand inspires him with the hustle and energy he carries in his videos. Amany watches and emulates his dance moves in his own dance routines and hopes to work with him one day. The desire to create generational wealth for his unborn children and their children makes him wake up every day and chase his dreams.

To date, he has performed in major events that include The Blaq Diamond Show, Friday Late, Kasi2Kasi Tour, August Rush, #1-LoveMsiz'kay Concert and the Roil Bulawayo Arts Awards.

He has also done club performance tours



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He hopes to make his mother proud and vindicate her for the sacrifices she made to give them a fighting chance. At the moment, he is also driven by the need to get enough cows to pay ilobola for his partner. *Lastly, he hopes to fulfill his God given purpose before he dies.*

Amany recently released a single entitled Novuyo. The song was inspired by the struggles that young men go through to express love to the women that have friend zoned them.

"Sometimes the love of your life can be a close friend so it takes a lot of courage to step up and ask for a chance to be their man" he stated. The song has received positive reviews across the board and airplay from some of the country's leading radio stations.

at BAC, Cosmopolitan, Stunts, Hashtag and Red Cafe. He is part of Gang O, the group that won the Outstanding Music Video of the year in the Roil BAAs last year and as a documentary filmmaker, he was the co-producer of a documentary film that won a NAMA Award in 2009.

Amany also writes books and one has been published already. He conducts research and evaluations for UN Agencies and NGOs as well as spends time with the people he loves so that he stays grounded.

A couple of years back, he made the decision to be his own boss and determine his own working hours. He did it in order to spend more time with his family and to live closer to the people he cares about. He left a well-paying job and other forms of security to come home and rebuild around those he loves.

His partner and family come first always, everything else is organized with that in mind. He encouraged the youth to make sure that as they look up to others, they don't look down on themselves. "The strengths you see in others, are also locked up in you and await release" he added. We wish this dynamite all the best in his musical journey and there's definitely a whole lot more in store for him in this industry!

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Chidadiso F Mbazo



**AMANY  
& FAMILY**

ROC TOUCH PRODUCTION PRESENTS



# MALIVE

SEASON 1

**THURSDAYS @19:00PM**

STARRING: **NONDUDUZO NCUBE – DALUBUHLE MDLONGWA – NOMVUYISO MPOFU MABI  
NYASHA MTAMANGIRA – PERCY SOKO – ANTONETTE R. M SANGO  
NOKUTHABA NESHIRI – THULANI DUBE**

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*Minenhle  
Simelinkosi  
Sipepa  
Nkomo.*

**ECHOES  
OF  
BEAUTY  
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The beauty of every woman is not only reflected in her soul but is also allocated in her facial mode, for along with beauty comes make-up which intends to be a love language for every human skin that seeks to look ravishing despite its insecurity.

Born and bred in the beautiful city of Kings and Queens is a 22 year old, "Minenhle Simelinkosi Sipepa Nkomo." She is a make-up artist, a nail technician, a mother and a commercial model that graduated under Fingers Modelling Academy.

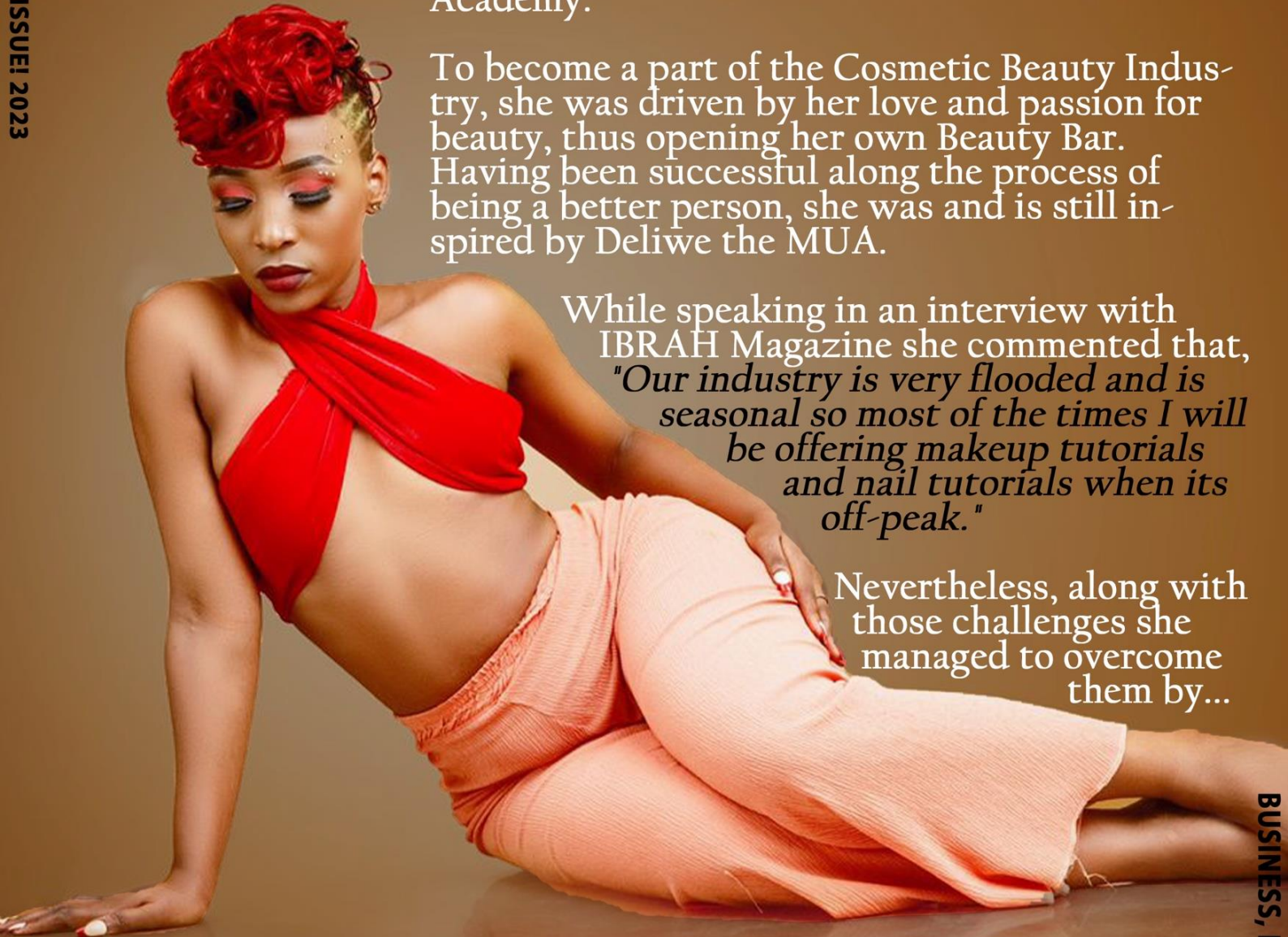
To become a part of the Cosmetic Beauty Industry, she was driven by her love and passion for beauty, thus opening her own Beauty Bar. Having been successful along the process of being a better person, she was and is still inspired by Deliwe the MUA.

While speaking in an interview with IBRAH Magazine she commented that, *"Our industry is very flooded and is seasonal so most of the times I will be offering makeup tutorials and nail tutorials when its off-peak."*

Nevertheless, along with those challenges she managed to overcome them by...

offering make-up and nail tutorials at very low prices online, thereby attracting more people to get to her Beauty Bar.

When virtue and modesty enlighten the charms of man, the luster of a beautiful woman gets to be brighter than the stars of heaven. Her lips tend to be sweet and delicate, her face embedded with glow and the influence of her power gets to be in vain to resist. Minnie is a positive impact and a love long to every deficit insecurity complexion. She hopes to save the lives of many skins that await her magical touch.

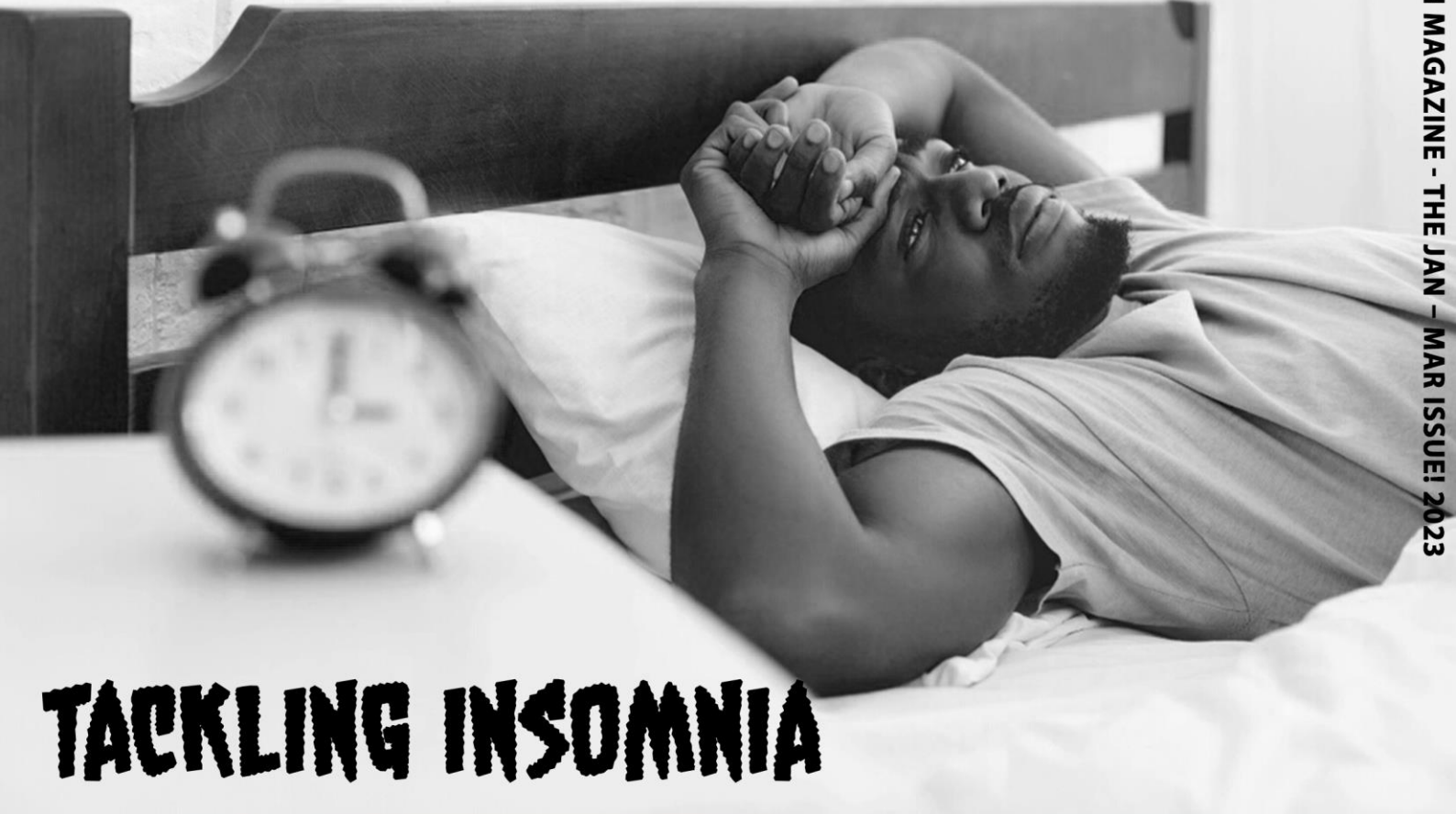


*Her words of encouragement were,*

**"ECHOES OF BEAUTY ARE RESOUNDED THROUGH BURNING COALS OF CAMPFIRE."**

*Minnie*





## TACKLING INSOMNIA

Let's face it, being an insomniac seems like it's cool at first but with time you discover that it's not the nicest thing. I've personally struggled with insomnia so I'm here to share a few tips to help a fellow comrade out there.

Before you consult with a doctor, it's always great to make a few lifestyle changes to help reduce insomnia.

1. Avoid chemicals that disrupt sleep. For example, caffeine or alcohol.
2. Eat lighter meals at night and at least two hours before bed.
3. Take a hot shower or bath at the end of your day.
4. Avoid screens one or two hours before bed.
5. Keep your bedroom dark and cool and try to use it only for sleeping
6. Exercise regularly because exercise boosts overall health, it enhances your mood, aids in weight loss and promotes better sleep.
7. Yoga has been found to have a positive effect on sleep quality. It alleviates stress, improves physical functioning and helps you sleep better.

*By Chidadiya F Mbano*

## EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE



Challenges are part and parcel of human life. You cannot separate challenges from men. Challenges make one stronger and wiser at the same time. Gurus are simple people who are just smart about how they deal with tough situations. In simple words, they have got a strong mental capacity. No man is exempted from tribulations unless if the graveyard is your place.

Do you benefit from stressing yourself? No matter how terrible the situation might be, learn to stabilize your emotions. Always keep your head above the water. Simply because stress is caused by overthinking. Over thinking is a way of surrendering your ultimate power towards the situation. What you name, you can control it. Be sober and open your eyes widely and start to see things in a different way, stop making everything mean more than it is. See things as they really are and do not overreact when you encounter calamity.

Unmet expectations usually create stress and unnecessary pressure especially when you expected "A" but got "B". How you respond when the crisis arises will dictate the impact it has on your life. Stress is very common in every human being on this earth. We all mess up and make mistakes. The real deal is to confront the issue and iron it out before it grows bigger. Be brutally honest with yourself. There is no need to sugar coat your situation.

If you do not have the capacity to handle your situation alone, look for another person who can help you throughout the journey. It might be the person who you trust the most or a professional counsellor.

Make peace with yourself. Forgive yourself if you feel that you have done something wrong to yourself. Simply because if you bottle up your emotions inside of you and carry them all over you go and you will definitely project them onto everyone you come in contact with. Stress is not an external force, it is within your body. There is nothing good that stress can do to a man rather than to destroy and bring sickness. Time will never make things better. Take action as quickly as possible to solve any problem that you are facing in your life. Emotional intelligence will never prevent you to encounter obstacles but it gives you an ability to deal with obstacles wisely.

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- *Unknown*



# THE KING OF THE RUNWAY REIGNS SUPREME!

*Tatenda Njanike*





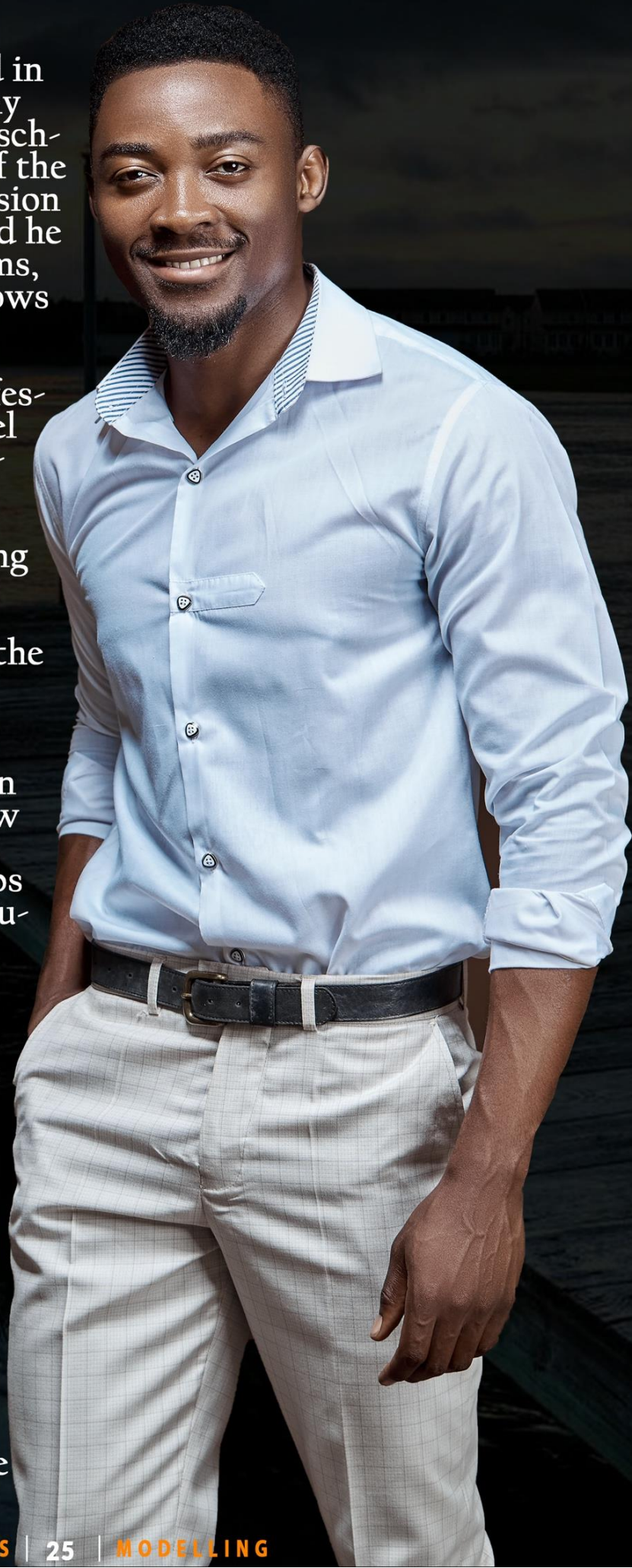
**H**e is an epitome of greatness, highly remarkable and unstoppable. Tatenda Njanike embodies poise and unmatched grace, a king in his own right.

He was born in Mutare and raised in Harare although he spent a lengthy part of his childhood in boarding schools so he was never home most of the time. Tatenda grew up with a passion for the entertainment industry and he always dreamt about acting in films, hosting talk shows, modelling shows amongst other art related things.

Today, he's a data scientist, a professional model, aspiring actor, model coach and MC. Tatenda's modelling journey started in November 2019 at a fashion show hosted by Jerome Wear. He met his modelling coach there and a month later he participated in his first pageant, Mr Zimbabwe where he scooped the People's Choice Award.

From there, he decided to be a freelance commercial and fashion runway model. Tatenda learnt how to approach brands and propose collaborations with small start-ups that shared his goals and had a couple of paid gigs with established brands to build his profile.

He then became the face of FBC Bank, did his first billboard shoot for Vincenzo Valli and a number of commercial campaigns with Old Mutual, Credisure and other insurance companies. From then he also became the face of Truworths and Econet. Tatenda has also walked on the runway a couple of times for brands like Zarguesia, then for Makanaka Fashion Show, for the Korean Embassy of Zimbabwe as well as for Chinese partners in Zimbabwe through JCMC.



IBRAH Magazine managed to catch up with him and he told us that his biggest challenge has been the financial side of things as certain turning points in his life required significant financial investment. "I am not the most impressive model when you look at me, all my success is because I serve a pretty impressive God who orders my steps", he stated during the interview.

Tatenda's greatest accomplishment so far has been discovering his purpose. He is determined to contribute towards the raising of champions in the world of fashion through his gifts. "I found my voice and I'll be sharing my life lessons, principles and my stories along the way".



Apart from being a former Mr Zimbabwe People's Choice 2019, Tatenda is the reigning Mr Supranational Zimbabwe 2022, face of Truworths Men and face of Econet USSD campaign.

Tatenda is also a social media brand manager and influencer, a creative director and brand ambassador at Paz&Chivz bespoke as well as an events host and a speaker for a program called HPMI Generation Impact.

Just knowing that life is a gift from God makes him wake up every day and chase his dreams. His greatest inspiration is Apostle Paul from the bible. Apostle Paul inspires him to push himself from being a model to becoming a role model on any platforms he gets to be on.



"I've Never Had A Moment's Doubt. I Love You. I Believe In You Completely. You Are My Dearest One." – Dj Mzoe

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# THALUSO OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES DEBUT ALBUM



**O**n the 21st of February 2023, Thaluso Da Poet real name Thaluso Moyo Pindi officially launched his debut album dubbed '**Umusa KaThixo**'.

Thaluso was born in Bulawayo and raised in Gwanda. He then moved to Bulawayo in 2013 and enrolled at the Bulawayo Polytechnic. His poetic journey started way back when he was very young and the gift somehow got lost along the way. He re-ignited it in 2019 at the Larfage Poetry Slam. He was knocked out in the first round and gave up. After the slam, he met Cde Phil from Khulumani FM in the National Art Gallery foyer. Phil took him to the radio station and it was the rebirth of his poetry.

He has faced a considerable number of challenges which include the fact that people expected him to sound like some of the renowned poets we have in the industry when he wanted to be himself and build his own empire. The fact that he wanted to write his poems in vernacular only has been a hassle because he's had to compromise and try to at least have a couple of verses in other languages so as to accommodate other people and to him, he feels like he's somehow almost lost his originality.

To date, he has three singles and his recently launched album to his name. Umusa KaThixo has ten poems contained in it. The album has poems that include Wongabantu which talks about the things we encounter in our daily lives, Umusa KaThixo which talks about how God loves us no matter how bad we tend to be as well as Idlozi which takes us through how the ancestors work amongst other poems.

Roil Bulawayo Arts Awards 2022 Outstanding Radio Personality Cde Phil was the Master of Ceremonies. The turnout for the launch was quite good and people from Bulawayo showed up. Sotsha Moyo, Abantwana beNsindiso, Madlela Skhobokhobo, Ijongose, Dab Three Events and Victory Siyanqoba were amongst the audience. Veteran musician Jeys Marabini was also in attendance. Bulawayo Mayor His Worship, Mr Solomon Mguni was the guest of honour.



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Chidadiso F Mbazo



"She Was Powerful  
Not Because She  
Wasn't Scared But  
Because She Went On  
So Strongly, Despite  
The Fear."

- *Keisha*





# THE NEW MASTANDA IN TOWN!

*Msizi Kay*

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**H**e is a master of his craft, a dynamic and iconic demigod who has made his mark through his extraordinary talent. Let's face it, every single song and production of his has a unique tinge to it.

In fact, it's always like you're hearing his voice for the first time every single time and each time, it leaves you in awe and at a loss of words. That's just how captivating his music is. He was born Sizalobuhle Nkomo on the 20th of June many moons ago and is popularly known as Msiz'kay, a Bulawayo creative who has overtime defied the odds and showed us just how much talent is in this city. Msiz'kay is a multi-award-winning artist, producer, singer-songwriter and poet.

He is a pioneer of a style of music he describes as Something Afro, a blend of Hip-hop, R n B and Pop with various traditional African elements to come up with a unique sound. Something Afro is characterized by unique beats, deep lyrics, electric flows and catchy hooks.

His musical journey started just after High School in 2010 when he recorded his first song. After that he left for University and during the holidays he'd make sure that he continued recording. Four years later, after he was done with school and had gotten his degree he decided to venture

into music full time. Since then he has been pushing and acing this music thing. To date, he has released numerous singles and three albums.

In an interview with IBRAH Magazine, Msiz'kay stated that the biggest challenge he has faced so far in the industry has been breaking into the market. He stated how it isn't easy to get people to listen to your music and it's quite a process that's takes a while. "It takes a minute for people to accept music that's local, especially if it's from Bulawayo, being consumed in Bulawayo by people from Bulawayo" he said.

He believes he hasn't broken entirely into the market yet and it's still a work in progress especially if he can still walk around the streets of Bulawayo without worrying about people recognizing him. The Roil Bulawayo Arts Award 2022 People's Choice Winner's main goal is to inspire people through his music. To date, he has three albums to his name: Bazovuma which came out in November 2017, Bayatshiselwa which came out in April 2019 and the most recent Sizalobuhle which came out on...







UmtakaMaMkandla does not only have an impressive track record but he also has a well decorated one. He won his first award in 2018 in the Skyz Metro FM Music Awards when his song Inkomo Zamalobolo was voted Best Metro Urban Song. He has also been nominated as well won awards in both the Zimbabwe Music Awards and the Zim Hip Hop Awards.

"For me Kulula was already the song of the year even before it was out there. I made the song sometime in 2021 so it was there just sitting. I remember we put out the advert to say that the album Sizalobuhle was coming out then Bhekiwe called for a collabo and then later came to the studio.

He has also collaborated with artists from outside the country and these include the Angolan Dj/Producer DJ Satellite, Brazilian Platinum recording producer Vintage Culture together with Brazilian hit making producers Fancy inc and Drunky Daniels amongst other artists.

He won the Roil Bulawayo Arts Award for the Outstanding Male Artist for two consecutive years, in 2020 and 2021 respectively. In December last year, his song Kulula which featured Bhekiwe won the Award for the Outstanding Song of the Year and he also won the People's Choice Award which came with a residential stand, just how cool is that!



I gave her a few samples and she chose the very first sample. She wrote her verse in the studio and we recorded it". Just like that, the masterpiece was complete!

This year his sole aim is to reach more people so he'll be doing a lot of collabos with different artists. He hopes to grow his brand and connect with people. Msiz'kay believes

that it's up to the artists to make sure that people from Bulawayo listen to and appreciate their music through finding out where exactly people consume music then using those platforms to reach them.

His parting words to young aspiring artists were, ***"Just be yourself. Figure out what makes you unique then work on that"***.

We do wish this dynamite all the very best in his career. The future is bright and we can't wait for him to get to the summit!

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VISUALS BY COREY

“Instead Of Worrying  
About What You  
Cannot Control, Shift  
Your Energy To What  
You Can Create.”

- *Unknown*



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FINALIST WORKS  
ON SDG 6  
PROJECT AS  
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Lately there's been a whole lot of talk regarding climate change and the need to take care of as well as improve our environment.

A number of pageant queens from all around the world have taken it upon themselves to raise awareness on such issues.



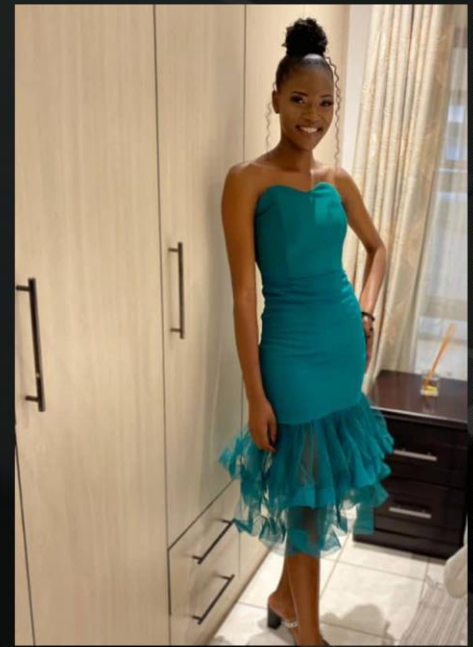
20-year-old Chantel Panashe Kanyoka is no different. Chantel is a model signed under Fervid Model Management and she is one of the Top 18 finalists in the Miss Environment Zimbabwe 2023 pageant.

Chantelle has always had a deep passion for modelling and people in her circle have always told her that she would make a great model so in 2022 she

decided to go for it and hence enrolled for grooming classes at Fervid Model Management that is managed by Jemima Mandemwa, the reigning Miss Planet International 2023 1st runner up. In an interview with IBRAH Magazine Chantye stated that enrolling for grooming classes has helped her boost her confidence and improve her speaking skills.

On the 1st of October last year, she auditioned for Miss Environment Zimbabwe amongst 105 ladies and only 26 made it to the semi finals and she was part of them. On the 22nd of December the semifinalists took to the runway and out of the 26, the Top 18 were chosen and Chantelle was a part of them, again! Currently, they're awaiting the final show that is going to be held in Harare around March.

When questioned on her journey to Miss Environment, Chantye stated that it was hard, stressful, exciting as well as educational. She also got to meet a lot of different Queen sisters from all around the country. "I'm super excited to be one of the finalists and I'm



working so hard because it's my dream to be the next Miss Environment Zimbabwe" she added.

As part of her advocacy for Miss Environment, she is currently working on a SDG number 6 project whose main focus is on clean water and sanitation as well as SDG number 4 that ...



focuses on quality education. The theme of her project is '#Water, The Lifeblood of Humanity and Nature'.

The idea behind the project was that a lot of people out there are sick and some are dying due to using unclean water so as a Green Queen she is working on helping people through educating them on how to get access to clean and safe water. Her advocacy also involves education on preservation of wetlands and other water resources including the growth of water related ecosystems and how poor management can lead to unclean water and illness within different communities. Chanty recently took part in a tree planting event at Emganwini High School held on the 14th of February. It was organized by the first lady and she donated 500 trees.

Our belle is inspired by the reigning Miss Planet International 1st runner up Jemima Mandemwa and she described her as a loving and caring Queen. Besides modelling, Chanty is also currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology and social policy at the Midlands State University. We wish her all the best in the pageant and who knows, she might just be the next Miss Environment Zimbabwe. How cool is that!

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# BABONGILE SIBANDA'S GROUND BREAKING DRUG ABUSE CAMPAIGN

**D**rug abuse has been on the rise lately with many youths being affected not only in Bulawayo but the entire country at large. Drugs such as marijuana, crystal meth, bronclee, mangemba to mention but a few have destroyed many young people's dreams to an extent of leaving them mentally disturbed.

In our youth with purpose edition, we take a look at one vibrant and dedicated youngman who goes by the name of Babongile Sibanda who still has hope of seeing the youth of today conquering this demon. Born and bred in the border town of Plumtree, Babongile is no stranger in the arts industry and is well known for his magnificent vocals that literally can fit in almost any genre in the world of music as witnessed by his numerous projects which includes Emfuleni and Buyisa which he featured DJ Yugoe.

The vocalist draws his inspiration from people he comes across on daily basis who always have different but inspirational stories that always give them hope of soldiering on no matter what. Upon noticing the impact of drug abuse on many youths in Bulawayo, Babongile failed to just sit and do nothing about it and saw it appropriate to take action in his own unique way. On the 28th of January 2023 the vocalist raised awareness by doing a 100km walk from Bulawayo to his hometown Plumtree.

“As a youth seeing my fellow youth fall into trap of drugs was hard to

bear and seeing many parents' crying hopelessly for their kids that have fallen into the trap of drugs compelled and pushed me to take action", he said during an interview we had with him. That move came as a symbol to many which symbolized that regardless of how difficult the journey maybe in ending drugs and dangerous substance abuse, the goal is always achievable so long there is a will.

Babongile's awareness campaign remains one of its kind and has brought hope especially on the parents whose hope on the future of tomorrow had shattered considering how drugs have invaded and destroyed many dreams of the youths of today.

As the IBRAH Magazine family, we continue to rally behind Babongile both as an artist and activist whose vision is of having a generation whose youths are free from any drug or dangerous substances abuse. For those of you who wish to follow this young and talented visionary, you can kindly follow him on his social platforms which are as follows:

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*- Tasha*

# SENSATIONAL HIP HOP GURU PENETRATES THE MEDIA INDUSTRY!

*Thorne Laroy*



**I**t's no secret that the Legendary Thorne Laroq is iconic and dynamic.

From being one of the pioneers of the Hip-hop movement in Zimbabwe to being one of the best radio personalities and TV presenters of our time, his journey is nothing short of inspirational.



He was born Bekithemba Sibanda but he is best known by many as Thorne Laroq. A creative who has over the years taken the whole hip-hop movement in our country to a whole new level.

Thorne is a retired Hip Hop Artist, News anchor, TV/Radio Personality, Producer, Events manager, father, the Zim Hip Hop Awards Operations Manager,

Script Writer, Secretary for the Zimbabwe Musicians Union (Southern Region) and an actor.

Born, raised and educated in the City of Kings, he's a dream come true to himself. Growing up, he was very passionate about art and everything that challenged his creative abilities. His journey started when he was quite young, way back in the late 90s when he started rapping.

At 15, he was competing on stages and battling other rappers, winning a couple of competitions in the process. After that he took on sound engineering and music production because at the time he felt that a lot of artists failed to communicate their creative thoughts to and with the producers and it was really disturbing to end up with a musical product that you didn't like as an artist.

He noted that artists struggled to be on shows hence the Bigger than Hip-hop event and they also struggled to be on air hence the Rapperholics Lounge and The Rap Lab on Skyz Metro and Khulumani FM respectively. Then came the Ghetto 2 Ghetto initiative where his main aim was to familiarize artists with their fans and have a relationship



In an interview with the Magazine, he stated that when he was little, he literally drew every drawing, every picture and every painting that fascinated him.

Thorne wrote and sang every song he liked before the official lyrics came out on magazines. His passions evolved when he saw his older brother and his crew dance and rap.



To him, it was like watching Mc Hammer live. He narrated how his older brother taught him everything he knows from basketball, tennis to principles of accounting. Learning how to dance was a bit of a challenge for him since he wasn't gifted in that regard but with rap he caught on very fast. His world changed after winning a couple of competitions first with PC (Phlax) then later with the Rapperholics (Ray, Veejay and Gladys).

They wanted more so they got into the studio and started recording. They made some pretty impressive music but they didn't know much about marketing and school was pretty intense at the time, exams came and they found themselves in different parts of the country.

Thorne then met up with the Xmo Squad (DJ Unite, Bobstar, Jayzer, Wise, Zibro, Vusa, Polite, Dengo, Sbago and Sheu) and they started organizing events then a movement called Black Panther. After that they did a compilation album and it was the first time he met P2daoh. Most of the guys later moved to SA. Since he was still studying he decided to go solo so that he could have more control on the pace.

As a radio personality, Thorne Laroq wanted artists to have a platform that they could call their own. When the opportunity presented itself, he learnt radio presentation on the job and he's still studying media and communication to fortify his interests in broadcasting. When he first got on air he was a co-host in a talk show and someone decided that he could do more and he did. Being on radio gives him a sense of purpose like no other. He believes that he has the ability to change a life simply by being himself, as original as he possibly can so that people out there understand that you don't need to be supernatural in order for you to be iconic.





Thorne believes that there's still so much to learn and he's enjoying every moment. He loves radio and never dreamt that he'd one day be a radio personality but then life has its beautiful surprises.

In 2020 he won the Outstanding Radio Presenter Award at the Zim Hip Hop Awards and to him winning a national award when he feels like he still has a long way to go is a nudge in the right direction.

He is currently a News anchor at Zbc, a Drive Time Radio Presenter at Khulumani FM and he hosts a show called The Movement that's on every Sunday at 1630hrs on ZBC TV.

His only challenge so far has been trying to balance school, work and family time but his schedule fixes itself most of the time. Thorne is very much inspired by his brother as he's been the only constant, he's always wanted to do everything that he did and he has managed to map out his own dreams through what he learnt from his brother. His ten year old son is the reason why he can't quit or give up on anything. *"I have failed in other things in life but I have never given up. I dust myself up and try again because of that boy"*, he said during the interview.

Thorne Larog encouraged young people who look up to him to appreciate negative and positive vibes and literally choose a side and be about it. "No one can stop you from being what you want and banging on closed doors will not only lead you to an open one but it'll also teach you the art of getting the closed ones to open. Giving up or quitting is not an option, if you make it one, it'll be your life", he added.

Thorne is evolving each and every day and we definitely can't wait to see what life has in store for him next but one thing's for sure, only the best things are coming his way!

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# TALENTED BELLE TAKES BULAWAYO BY STORM

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*LaDee*

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**T**here's just something alluring about a woman who's not just a pretty face but is a whole package of brains and talent as well.

Dudzile Ndlovu popularly known as LaDee is one such beauty who just has it all. She is best known as a musician,



a radio personality, TV presenter and a business woman. Talk about being a high flier!

LaDee is proudly a Bulawayo girl. Her journey to becoming the highly acclaimed musician that she is today started way back at church when she was 16. Her pastor would often hear her singing loudly and thus suggested that she join the church choir.

At the time, she never thought she had it in her but one thing was for sure, she enjoyed being in front of people and performing. Fast forward 2008 she moved to South Africa in search of greener pastures. LaDee tried to focus on other hustles and all but music was hunting for her and in no time, it caught up with her for good.

It was then that she realized that it was more of a calling than just a passing thing and in 2009 she kick started her music career and hasn't looked back ever since. In an interview with the magazine, our Bulawayo belle stated that being a female artist in an otherwise male dominated industry is not a walk in the park so the major challenge she has faced from her male counterparts is the lack of professionalism as some way want courtship in exchange of favours.

She has managed to overcome that by just continuing to work hard and being patient with the process. Her greatest inspiration is her mother. "She has faced a lot of adversity in her life. She worked extremely hard to provide for us but I rarely saw her complain about her fate", she said during the interview.



Besides music, LaDee is a beauty therapist and she owns a mobile spa. She is also into poultry as she started an organisation called Zenzele Women's Organisation in Bubi District.

It consists of women from as young as 20 to 70 years old, both the married and the widowed. She started the organisation because she realized the need for women empowerment...





especially in the rural areas. Thus, the initiative came about so as to help women to start businesses so that they can help sustain their families.

Prayer and believing in herself have been her two secret weapons. LaDee currently doesn't have any major accolades but she's been nominated numerous times in

both Zimbabwe and South Africa. At the rate that she's going though, those gongs are coming home soon! Her music is available on all digital platforms. So, a little birdie told us to look out for big collaborations that LaDee is going to be doing with a couple of renowned artists so we're definitely on the lookout for those. She hinted that she'll be dropping an EP before the year ends so we're definitely looking forward to these amazing projects that she has in the pipeline.

We wish to see our Bulawayo belle continue making waves and wowing us! One thing is for sure though, this year LaDee is taking this city by storm.

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# DARING DAZZLING DIME SOARING HIGH!

*Tracy McQueen*



**S**he is a true embodiment of the mantra, 'Dreams do come true'. Tracy is one vivacious woman who chose to get up from her comfort zone and chase her dreams relentlessly.

This belle is not just a pretty face, she's a whole tone of brains and talent as well. Tracy Ndlovu is a simple girl who comes from Swazi in Matebeleland South and was born, bred and buttered in Nkulumane, Bulawayo. UMaGatsheni is a teacher, journalist, broadcaster and a news anchor. Growing up, she had a keen interest in media and broadcasting and at that particular time she had no idea how she was going to live that dream. So one day, a couple of years back she visited her mum and then saw an advert on television that stated that Khulumani FM was looking for radio personalities.

*"At that time I just told myself that this was my job. I'm going to go to the auditions and I'm getting it"*, Tracy narrated during the interview. Fast forward audition day, she went to Montrose and since it was her first time there she realized that she has forgotten her ID at home. As per the rules, she failed to gain admission and at that time, the queue for those who were auditioning was quite long. She went back home and then came back again. Her own audition ended up taking place around eight pm. At that particular time, her main concern was auditioning and after that she knew she had done her best and left the rest to the Almighty to decide. Well, she got the job and here she is five years later!

Recently, Tracy started news anchoring and she reads Izindaba on ZBC Tv. For her, this is a dream come true because she was inspired by the likes of Sonangani Ncube back in the day and she specifically wanted to read Izindaba as she felt like it was the best way of contributing to the survival of our language. For her, it's been quite challenging as people are always looking up to her to represent the company well but it's been lovely nonetheless. Her son makes her wake up everyday and chase her dreams. Her goal is to set a good example for him and be the best mum ever. Tracy's greatest inspiration is her dad. She described him as an individual who believed in her so much and made her gain confidence and be remarkable in everything she did. *"My family is very supportive in fact and they made me the girl that I am today"*, she stated.

Besides radio, UMaGatsheni is a qualified English teacher. She also owns a couple of small businesses that she runs on her own. On top of that, she's a mum. Impressive! According to Tracy, her greatest accomplishment so far has been managing to be on radio for five years, breaking into the media industry as well as managing to finally become a news anchor. Her hope is to leave a mark and grow in the media and broadcasting industry as well as help other young girls who are interested in being in the same field as her. She encouraged young girls to not be controlled by their past but rather to focus on the future. The future is bright for our belle and we wish her all the best as she continues rocking the airwaves and making waves!

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# POETRY

## CARRYING A WOUND OF A BURDEN I BURIED



Eight years ago i fell in love,  
A beautiful dark sweet soul the  
kind i never thought was my type  
Her words shined like the python  
skin

Element of her actions were slip-  
pery and smooth like silk,  
Almost confusing like when she  
said her name and the three  
words favored by fate  
"I'm Depression and i love you"  
She opted for me to call her Dee

Four years later we had a baby,  
Her mom gave her the Anxiy  
before she passed away,  
She said it will create a bond her  
and me,

Having a name that described her  
fathers emotions was her plan,  
A month after birth Dee died,  
Anxiety her full name,  
I had plans for her on this land  
Thus she needed her mother more,

A year old and she passed away,  
Following her mother leaving me  
deeply in pain  
All plans lost in vain  
Suffocating from flashbacks that  
choked my throat.  
And clot blood that flow through  
my veins

I never thought love can be a ghost,  
Haunted day and night,  
The feeling of being abandoned and  
neglected was now the cover of my  
thought,  
Carrying a wound of a burden i bur-  
ied, Maybe all i need is therapy  
I guess doctor Suicide might help  
with this.

Or maybe religion is what i need,  
A call for spirituality  
A prayer to God for freedom and  
peace  
For tired is my mind, body and soul.

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Diary of a lost soul

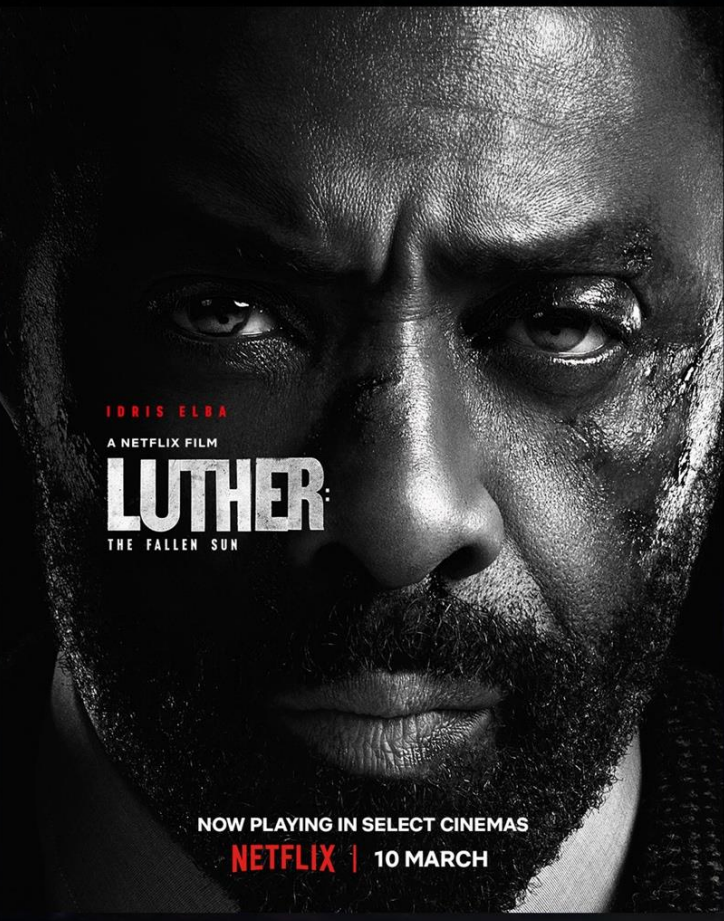


"I Love That You Are My Person And I Am Yours, That Whatever Door We Come To, We Will Open It Together." – Dj Sweeto

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# LAUGH OUT LOUD

Life is like a teaspoon, I don't know what I mean about that, I just felt like being a Motivational Speaker.



When I tell my friends that I quit alcohol, they say let's drink to that.



If this will be your first December together as a couple. Good luck guys, you'll really need it.



Our girlfriends from Varsity are coming back. They'll be sleeping on our chests with educated heads 😊👌



Ladies, never trust a guy with dreadlocks. Each dread represents 1 girlfriend



Either you're gonna be my Last Love or my First murder. 😊 I'm done getting my heart broken



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## HOLIDAY WITH TECHNOLOGY

For many people, a holiday is a time to disconnect from technology and immerse themselves in nature or culture. However, for others, technology is an essential part of their daily lives and can enhance their holiday experience. In this article, we will discuss the best ways to enjoy a holiday surrounded by technology and how it can enhance your travel experience.

First and foremost, it's essential to choose the right destination. Some destinations are known for their technological advancements, such as Tokyo, Seoul, or Silicon Valley. These destinations offer a range of technological experiences, from exploring futuristic cityscapes to visiting cutting-edge museums and exhibitions.

Next, consider staying in a hotel or vacation rental that offers the latest technology. Many hotels now offer high-speed internet, smart TVs, and in-room devices such as voice assistants, smart thermostats, and lighting controls. These amenities can enhance your comfort and convenience, allowing you to stay connected and entertained during your stay.

If you're traveling for work or need to stay connected during your holiday, consider renting a portable hotspot or purchasing a local SIM card. This will allow you to stay connected and access important information or communicate with colleagues or family back home.

Another way to enjoy a holiday surrounded by technology is to explore the local tech scene. Many destinations have innovation hubs, tech startups, or technology-themed events or festivals. Attend a conference or networking event, or take a tour of a local technology company to learn more about the local tech ecosystem and meet like-minded people.

Lastly, use technology to enhance your travel experiences. There are many apps and websites that can help you plan your itinerary, find local restaurants or attractions, or book tours or transportation. You can also use virtual reality or augmented reality apps to explore destinations before you arrive, or to enhance your on-site experiences.

In conclusion, technology can enhance your holiday experience in many ways. From choosing the right destination to staying in a hotel with the latest amenities, exploring the local tech scene, and using technology to plan your itinerary and enhance your experiences, there are many ways to enjoy a holiday surrounded by technology. Whether you're traveling for work or leisure, embracing technology can make your trip more comfortable, convenient, and enjoyable.





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