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# Melly Row Stacks



In 2014, coming off the success of the Wild Style Mixtape, MellyRow met singer Tara Gibson aka TJ Vida his soon to be partner. Vida, fed up with the politics of the industry and the shadiness that goes on behind closed doors as well as reflecting on her own personal experiences, she was a little hesitant to continue with pursuing a career in music as well as signing yet a new deal, however Melly continued to work closely with Vida, encouraging her every step of the way and after building a trust with Melly's uncle, producer and CEO of DiggyDime Music Group, Shaka El Bey, Vida was ready to enter the game again, this time as the rapping / singing duo Diverse Gravity. Under the group name Diverse Gravity, the talented team of two released their critically acclaimed single "Katz Jealous" through DiggyDime Music Group which gained the group a lot of new fans through the world wide web and social media. While the fans were eating up their popular "Katz Jealous" smash single, the label released the follow up titled "Vida's Song", a very deep, emotional song that shows the comparison between true love and being in an abusive relationship. With the song speaking heavily on the topic of domestic violence, it gained the group an even wider following as well as more publicity. The group and song were featured in Hip Hop Weekly, Coast 2 Coast Mixtapes, and got plenty of spins on radio stations such as 101.9 Kiss FM, Fans Radio 916, Power 105, 106.1, Uti Radio, Heat From Da Street Radio, Tru Radio, and many more! As their music spread, and grew so did the relationship between Vida and MellyRow.

## REJUVENATED OBSERVANT WISE

Rejuvenated Observant Wise continues to make music today and we look forward to hearing what's next.

New York based hip hop recording artist Formally known as MellyRow Stackz, (born Jamaal M. Kennedy) now known as Rejuvenated observant wise started writing music at the tender age of ten, and recording songs of his own in his early teens. MellyRow was inspired to pursue a career in the recording industry by watching his uncle, the legendary hip hop recording artist / master beat boxer Doug. E. Fresh, and his older brother Mansone Batez.

Performing at various spots and releasing singles on his own sparked a huge buzz in the streets of New York, which lead to him being offered a deal with the independent label Cee-Lo Records. While signed to the label, MellyRow had many tremendous milestones in his career such as sharing the stage and rocking the mic alongside some of hip hop's heavyweights at the time including Ja Rule, DMX and Method Man. After experiencing a few personal situations that had a direct effect on his productivity in the music business, MellyRow was eventually dropped from Cee-Lo Records. During his hiatus, the young artist used that time to regroup and was soon later blessed with the opportunity to sign with Woodz Ground Entertainment.

After ending his relationship with Woodz Ground Entertainment, Melly decided to take a step back, perfect and Master his skills as an artist, and learn more about the business so that he wouldn't repeat some of the situations, as well as mistakes of the past. Soon after, MellyRow connected with producer Marko, to orchestrate his popular mixtape titled Wild Style that earned him well over \$250,000 in sales. The success of the mixtape catapulted Mellyrow to another level in his career.

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Oscan Wagstaff is a 21 years old Hip Hop artist from Danville, VA. Wagstaff moved to Newport News when he was 10 years old and then back to Danville, VA when he turn 16. His talent for music was discovered at the age of 8 when his uncle would give him different subjects to rap about.

To name a few some of the artist that inspired him to pursue his dream are 50 cents and Gucci Mane. Aside from my music career im a father my kids mean the world to me and I will give everything it all to them. They motivate me everyday to try and be a better father and Artist.

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SHREDZ

## HAILING FROM THE UK

John Sykes aka Shredz is a well known rapper from Manchester UK. He was born on June 10, 1987. He started his music career at the age of 18. He has a strong passion for and talent for rap music. He decided to pursue his career as a rapper because of his strong passion and love of music. As a young adolescence he was raised in the foster care system after an unfortunate breakdown of his family. Shredz listened to artist such as Eminem, Tupac, Biggie and Bone Thugs in Harmony as a child. He began to envision himself being on stages and being able to perform as his idols have. With goals of achieving this dream he would spend hours listening to NWA tapes in his bedroom wearing glasses and imitating his idols.

Shredz eventually began to write down his own lyrics and perform them for friends around the streets of Manchester. The amazing reactions

he received pushed him to work hard than ever on his passion. His first official released album was in 2018. The album is called Open Minded. Prior to the releasing of this album he had released many demos and mix tapes. Soon to come in February 2019 is his new album called I Try.

The album is inspired by his US idol whom is non other than our featured cover artist, the one and only, Mansone Bates. Throughout the years Mansone has given John the support and courage to keep pushing his music to greater heights



MANSONE

***BATEZ***





**The Drop** is the newest album that will be released in the month of October by Mansone Batez. Mr. Batez himself took the time off of his busy schedule to sit down with us, in between touring, to discuss his new project.

"I am the last of a dying breed of emcee! Make no mistake...I'm in it for the long haul so get ready!"

First let's dig into a little bit of Mansone Batez's background. He signed his first record deal, at age 18, with International Bad Boy Records, which soon became Blunted Records. Batez was further developed, but never released an official album during his contract. He did, however, gain valuable insight into the industry and afforded the opportunity to tour with respected artists such as Prince Markey D, MOP, Grand Daddy IU, and Original Flavor.

By this time, the name Mansone Batez had definitely created a buzz and started a following in the local rap circle. Batez's talent soon became undeniable to his uncle Doug E. who eventually took his nephew under his wing. Batez began working closely with his uncle and The Get Fresh Crew, even co-writing Doug E.'s fourth album, *Play*, which was released on Gee Street Records in 1995. Produced by Frankie Cutlass, Todd Terry, and Doug E. Fresh himself, the album achieved gold status overseas with hit singles such as "Where's da Party At?", "Freaks" with Lil Vicious, "Hands in the Air", and "I-ight". Batez also co-wrote the lead song for the *The Sixth Man* movie soundtrack, "Superstitious", featuring Doug E. Fresh and R&B artist and radio personality, Miss Jones. The film, which starred Marlon Wayans and Kadeem Hardison, was a blockbuster smash hit and the soundtrack also achieved remarkable success going five times platinum. In 2014 Batez dropped the *Now Or Never* EP. Making record number sales overseas and abroad. Batez continued to write and record.

Leading up to his current album "The Drop" that is to be released early October 2018, the album includes songs such as *Slow Down*, *Flip it* and *Godz of Slum*. *Slow Down* is getting tons of airplay nationwide.

Of course, we had to ask. Why name your album, *The Drop*? Batez simply stated, "The drop means to drop the old person you were and to become a new and improved person." With that being said, we asked Mansone, What future projects or plans do you have for your future? Mansone told us that we can definitely look forward to more hit records from him and his upcoming UK tour. He also stated that he will have a role in the upcoming movie, *Conspiracy Child*, which is being filmed in Las Vegas, NV. He gives praises to Hollywood actor Nick Payne, to whom we have an article on in the following pages.

The album is available now and rocking airwaves in many states around the country and we definitely look forward to hearing and seeing a lot more from Mansone Batez in the near future. With the success of his career and future endeavors we are fully committed to seeing what the "new and improved" Mansone Batez has in store for us. Since the first release of *ViNM* magazine Mansone has given us a few new projects. See pages to follow.

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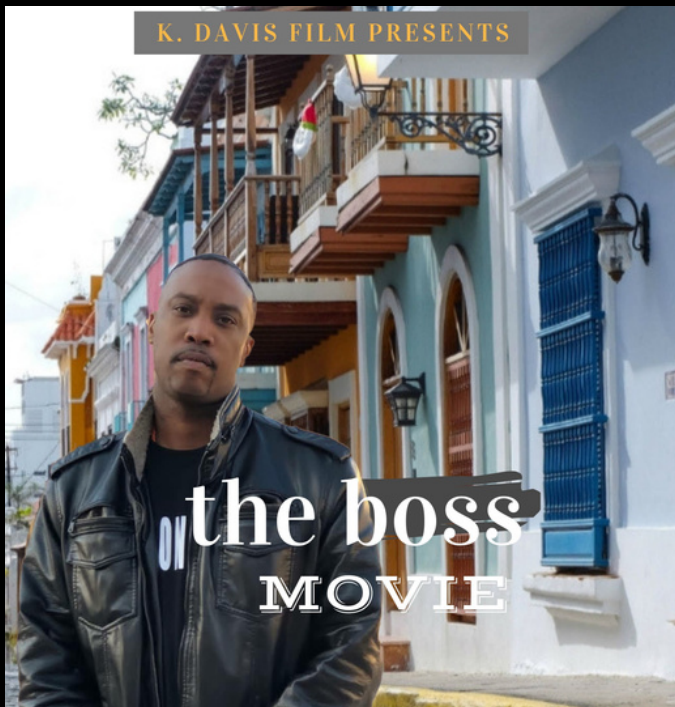
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# Young Quintin

Young Quintin grew up in Hot Springs, AR. As a child he played the snare drum, trumpet and guitar. He was in the choir and sun as a tenor. He first knew he wanted to be a rapper at the age of 7, when he started a rap battle.

Some of his biggest influences and favorite musical artists are NWA, Keith Sweat, Fall Out Boys, Migos, Panic! At the Disco, A Boogie wit da Hoodie and Juice WRLD. Young Quintin has collaborated with the artist know as Carson Key. He will be working with Jesus Honcho and NBA YoungBoy in the future. Currently Young Quintin is feature on the song "Godz of Slum" which was recently released by Mansone Batez. We asked Young Quintin how was his experience working with Mansone Batez and this is what he had to say:

"My experience with Mansone Batez was enjoyable and a true learning experience. I really appreciated watching and taking notes from someone who has been in the Hip-Hop game as long as he has. He has shown an taught me a lot."

Young Quintin's current take on Hip-Hop is that he respects it. He respects everybody and the grind they have. He feel the hip hop game is not the same anymore. It has had a lot of changes over the past couple of years and it has now been turned into a way of entertainment mostly on social media platforms.

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**Mansone Batez** is an American rapper from the Bronx, New York. With a solid fan base in the underground hip-hop community, Batez is known for his lyrical storytelling and passionate gritinfused delivery. Doug E. Fresh, hip-hop pioneer and legend, has served as uncle and mentor, inspiring Batez throughout his career. Fresh describes his nephew as an "incredible lyrical talent and showman with a style that has evolved but stayed true to the essence hip-hop."



## DOUG E. FRESH



The best of all time and the first human beatbox in the rap world, Doug E. Fresh has amazed audiences all over the world. He was born Doug E. Davis in Barbados and raised in New York. His very first appearance was in 1983 on a single for Spotlight called "Pass the Budda" with Spoonie Gee and DJ Spivey.

Most hip-hop fans will remember Doug E. being introduced to hip hop, when he performed in Beat Street behind the Treacherous Three. In 1984, he has his first feature with "Just Having Fun," waxed for Enjoy, and "Original Human Beatbox" for Vinentertainment. He soon became one of the biggest names in rap music and recorded his first single for Reality with the Get Fresh Crew, "The Show/La Di Da Di," became a hip-hop classic.

Fresh is a very talented individual and is able to accurately imitate drum machines and various special effects using only his mouth, lips, gums, throat, tongue and a microphone. Doug E. Fresh has earned the right to be labeled the Greatest Entertainer of All Time. He continues to entertain us today and share his knowledge of the industry.

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# Artists Spotlight



**Y.S (Young Sleep)**

Born Mark Pierce in Rochester, NY in 1990. Y.S (Young Sleep) at the age of 12 performed a rap that would change his life forever. His health teacher asked the class to write a rap about health or just a rap period, and he complied. Everyone clapped and enjoyed the response. It set off a fire in him that one has been able to put out. From that day on he started to record his own raps with friends. He did this for fun and as most adolescence do, the raps were all friendly fun making fun of girls and cracking jokes.

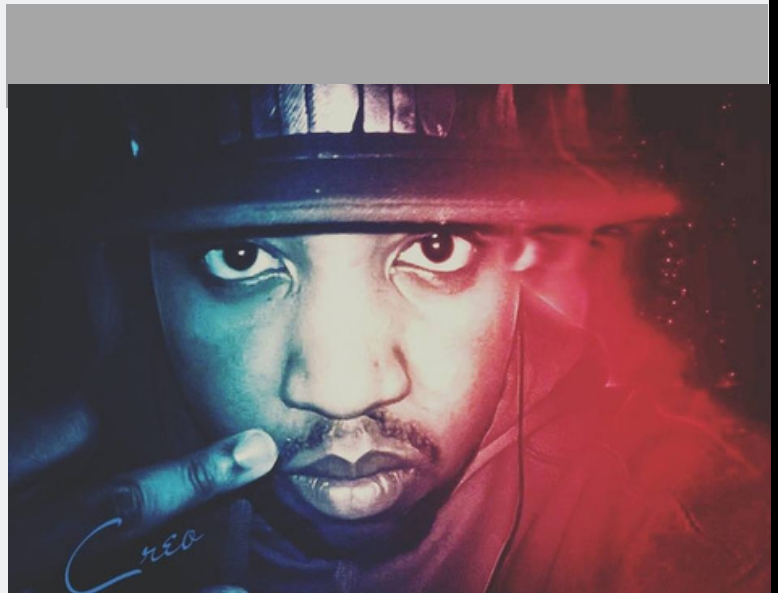
A few short years later, when Mark was 15 his brother and hero was taken away from him. His brother Ricardo Sleep Pierce was murdered. Y.S looked up to his brother and decided he wanted to keep his brother's name alive. Choosing to take rap serious and make it a dream. He decided to call himself Young sleep, which later would be shortened to Y.S to honor his brother. He later met another young rapper named T-lay and together they formed the local group C-ROC, with the help of T-lay's uncle, Deigo. The group consisted of 6 members that included Diego, T-Lay, B-nice, Florida Boy, Ant Man, and Young sleep. At 16 sleep decided to go solo still working with his group brothers on his first mix tape "Northwest Swagg".

The proof that hard work and dedication pays off he got his first break. He appeared on DJ Superstar Jay's. He has recorded several albums and work with a number of DJ's and more. Over the years Y.S has been fortunate enough to open up for Jadakiss, Joe Budden, Skyzoo, Chris Rivers, Freeway, Meek Mill, K.Camp, Cory Gunz and more. The best is yet to come for this young rising star.

We know your brother is proud of you and he would be proud of the young man and artist you have become.

# Artists Spotlight

## **Slaughter King aka the NYC Reaper**



Slaughter King grew up in the Bronx on 175th East Tremont Ave. The first time he realized he wanted a career as a rapper was when he was 13 years old. He started out free-styling everything that he was able to release. He noticed he became comfortable and his rhymes and decided he needed a change.

Taking a step back and picking up a dictionary daily he began to put his words together and change the way he raps. This led to him becoming a lyricist. He is not your average lyricist. Slaughter describes himself as an aggressive lyricist and story teller.

Slaughter has been on hot 97 three times and he is an ex member of YMCMB with Cory Gunz. His label is called Black label GMB. Slaughter met Cory Gunz through his kid's mother and he hopes to perform at the BET Awards. Some of his favorite rap artist are Nas, Kevin Gates and Lloyd Banks. Lloyd Banks and Nas influence him. He does not really collaborate with other artist but if he had to choose he would do a song with Chris Brown or Kevin Gates.

He notes that his biggest inspiration is his fiancée, Karley, and when ever he felt like giving up she always encouraged him. She would tell him to pull it together and they were going to make his dream happen. All of his sincere appreciation goes to Karley, his fans and supporters that have been with him from the start.

# Artists Spotlight



## Hip-Hop Artist Solo Nitty Gritty

Solo Nitty Gritty is based out of Clarksville, TN and is originally from Boston, MA. With over 10 years of experience, he has worked with local acts such as Bossman, PocketNationz, Dre Radio Cafe, Cash Dolla and the Nile Hookah Sports Bar in Nashville, TN.

Hailing from the Bloody Bean (Boston, Ma), is Solo Nitty Gritty. He now lives in Nashville TN, home of the Titans. He has been flowing since he was 11 yrs old. He started out as a battle rapper, then he became a story telling rapper. Everything he writes is da truth. Solo Nitty is from da streets and he has not only lived them but has ran them "I ran wit gangsters, hustlers and dope boys." So, when he raps he writes about what he has seen and done. He raps stories about his life and real life "shit" always keeping it 100! He is from the streets and doesn't know any other way to be but spit the truth. Straight gutter from all over.

Definitely be on the lookout for Solo Nitty. He's coming to take over the underground industry. This talented songwriter and rapper is working hard to put the state of Tennessee on the map.



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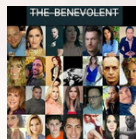
# NICK PAYNE



**N**ick Payne moved to Las Vegas from Pasadena in 2014 to continue to pursue his career in the world of entertainment. When Nick Payne was a very young child he knew he wanted to be an actor. He watch television and imagined what his roles would be in the future. To date Mr. Payne has been working in the entertainment industry for almost three years. Every year brings new lessons, new connections and new roles. Nick has worked with some phenomenal actors and actress in his short career. He's always willing to learn and he is very observant. He absorbs and puts his skills into action.

Payne has an extensive resume and he has been lucky enough to be castes in fifteen films. As well as, a few contracts that have not been signed yet. In the future he will be working on a parody of the movie Get Out. But, currently he is caste for a role in The Conspiracy Child. The current role he is portraying is his favorite thus far, although his past roles were great. He is currently playing a fallen anger. He loves this role because it is complex, sinister and a real challenge for him. Payne stated, "I expect it to change me, as an actor, for the better."

Mr. Payne is an incredibly humble and generous man. When asked if there was anything that he would want people to know about him, instead of a choosing to throw out a shameless plug, he simply stated, "When people hear my name, I want them to know my heart - to know how thankful and grateful I am to be in the position I am now. I want them to know that I will never forget where I came from and to always bring another up with me." and "I just want people to know that I am thankful to do what I have wanted to do since I was a child."



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# DA'SHAUN MARSHALL

COMEDIAN  
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Da'Shaun Marshall is a young man who has made a name for himself within the Entertainment business. At the tender age of three Da'Shaun showed signs of wanted to be an entertainer. He would imitate dancers such as Michael Jackson and MC Hammer. He would perform in front of family and friends. But, all was not fun and games. As a child Da'Shaun dealt with challenges such as speech impediment and having difficulties in writing and math. He struggled with a learning disability, labeling him as a special needs child in school. He was also bullied by other kids. This did not stop Da'Shaun. He was determined to succeed. He used his challenges and turned them into triumphs.

With the support of his mother she tutored him and help to excel to a point of academic excellence. He began to compete in talent shows and started to make a name for himself as an Entertainer. In the JROTC High School Program where he learned discipline, leadership, respect, courage and honor. He was inspired by singers and comedians such as James Brown, Smokey Robinson, Dave Chappelle, Bernie Mac, and Kevin Hart to make his own presence know in the Entertainment industry. His big break came when he made it to the Semi Finals of "Americas Got Talent". He sang some of his favorite songs to the judges and they were blown away. Earning him the right to move on to the next level in the competition. He later was seen on "The Voice", and the "X-Factor". These golden moments gained him TV exposure around the world.

So, what has Da'Shaun been doing since then? Da'Shaun has made his Comedy debut by performing in churches, bars and local clubs. He displayed his unique talent of making others laugh. He then realized he had found his calling as an Actor and Comedian. His hunger to persevere grew intensely. He wanted to succeed and be great. He was officially "on a mission". He refused to fail. His career grew rapidly, and he has been featured as an Actor in both stage plays and popular movies. You may have seen him in The Dark Knight, Step Up 1 & 2, You Got Served, Jason Bourne, All Eyez on Me, Tango Royale, In Flight the Musical, and Get up to name a few. He has recently wrapped up the tapping for his first Comedy special in Las Vegas, where he is the Headliner. And, get this. It's available worldwide on Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu.

Although Da'Shaun has faced some challenges, with his hard work and dedication he is proof that if you want it you can achieve it. Knock down every door and push through every obstacle that tries to stop you. He is a multi-talented, dedicated to his craft and humble type of man.

He continues to expand his reach. He is proof that although you may face challenges you do not have to let them stop you from pursuing your dreams. If you work hard you and stand up to life's challenges, you will preserve. Da'Shaun wants to inspire children with special needs or that may have been bullied. He wants to encourage them to go chase their dreams no matter what they are. His message to kids is that you can do anything! In our eyes Da'Shaun you truly are an inspiration and definitely an Entertainer. You have arrived, and we are definitely looking forward to what's next.



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