


Artist Profile

Of Marley Bloo
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I'm a 23 year old all rounder female artist. my name is Tebogo Marley Kekana, stage name Marley-Bloo and I was born and raised in a very artistic family, ranging from dancers, to drawers to singers and poets. I happen to be the one blessed with every single artistic capability/ability there is in my family – I paint, draw, sculpt, design, act, dance, sing, rap, compose, write lyrics n poetry, produce and record my own music and am a sound engineer, and a fully certified tattoo artist.

I grew up in a musician household. My mother is a singer and my father was the one co-producing all her work, while my older sister introduced me to all the different types of music I love to this day.

In school I took music and piano lessons and was in the school choir throughout high school. In Grade 8 I was selected as one of the only 2 grade 8s to go on the USA choir tour with the St Mary's DSG School Choir. I then moved schools in grade ten and became one of the founding members of the school choir at Sagewood College. In matric I was awarded with half colors for arts and culture and was made head of the arts and culture department.

After matriculating I took a gap year and started working on music. I worked with a group called Flip Gunz where I learned how to produce house music. I then left the group to go and study sound engineering at the Academy of Sound Engineering (ASE) to grow the skills I had learned from the group. I spent 2 years at ASE doing the diploma course in music production. While I was at ASE I got to meet and work with some of the prominent musicians in the South African music industry, as a featuring artist, a backing vocalist, an engineer and a music producer.

I have performed on various stages, created by various musical promoters in this country, viz., The Standard Bank Joy of Jazz, Makufe Festival, Back to the City, Arts Alive, Drakensberg Promotions, Bruce Kgapane, the Department of Arts and Culture, Moshito etc., from the time I was in High School.

I have appeared on a few prominent radio and TV shows such as: Morning Live, Metro FM, Tshwane TV's AfroRythems, Tshwane FM, Kaya FM Unplugged to name a few

My most recent achievement was winning the Moshito 2015 Demo award. This was the first year Moshito held the competition, making me its first winner ever.

People I've worked with include:

Sama Award09 2003 -BEST FEMALE JAZZ VOCAL Linda Kekana who I am honored to produce her current album

Sama Award winner Kabomo

Max Hoba

Dizzy Monk

Mzukhona Music

Maglera Boy Music

Lotug

Jungle Catz

Nothende

GB Collective

Biz Mahki (Son of Ashma)

My duties are to compose, produce, arrange, record, write rap and sing my own music and do all genres ranging from jazz to house, to hip-hop, to drum and bass, to gospel. I do not limit myself to a particular genre because I am flexible both vocally and in production to do any genre. I also do work with my own band in my live performances.



Kaya FM Unplugged wit Max Hoba

