

DOPE BOY

on Vargas is an emerging icon in the entertainment industry. He is a music artist, producer, songwriter, visual artist, and an advocate for justice from Baltimore, MD. His music speaks to and for those who are overlooked, outcast, and impoverished; he's passionate about creating music that highlights solutions to social ills that plague our communities.

Born and raised on the Westside of Baltimore City, his knowledge of street mentality, coupled with his profound ability to convey its pitfalls, makes him essential in today's music industry. As an underground innovator of the music, arts, and entertainment industry, Von Vargas (a.k.a. Von Smith) aimed his focus early on by operating as a fashion show and "after-party" promoter, as well as a local record spinner (DJ) in most of the hottest clubs in Baltimore, MD.

Sharing stages with numerous mainstream shakers in the industry, Von Vargas believes that every accomplishment is only by the Grace of God. With the experience gained from his journey in music, Von's direction began to change when he received a mandate to make music that would make a difference in the industry and society at-large. Adhering to that mandate, he continues to leave indelible impressions on hearts and minds across the globe. With the utmost certainty, Von Vargas will continue to raise awareness and standards through his art for the years to come!

Von's music glorifies 'Life' and leaves the average listener with true inspiration, substance, and value. His raps include no expletives, yet his message is powerful and positive. "When observing his ability to reach students through rap... the response it elicits is Phenomenal.", says Cheneeda Carter of the MD Educational Opportunity Center.

He's been featured on Hip Hop DX, Hip Hop TV Japan, Fusicology, Jbx DC, DTLR Radio, and covered numerous times in The Baltimore City Paper, as well as other national & international media outlets. Von serves as 'Governor' on the Board for The Grammy Washington DC Chapter (known as The Recording Academy and NARAS). Von is also an Alumni Member of Raw Artist (Baltimore).

Von Vargas is responsible for Music Marketing Ads, Hip-Hop Ads and Campaigns for: CBS Sports, United Healthcare, American Cancer Society, Dickies Workwear, and more. His music has been aired on numerous Radio One and Clear Channel Stations, in addition to ESPN, HGTV, and B.E.T.

Von is currently the co-owner of Creative Development Studios, which allows him to maximize his talents by serving corporate clients, community clients, and students of the Baltimore City Public Schools system.

In the Spring of 2017, Von Vargas is expected to release his latest collaborative album, "3220: The Soundtrack", (a compilation album with proceeds benefiting music scholarships).

Von's latest projects include: Metropolis Binocular; World Famous Lexington Market, 3 more previous albums, along with numerous mixtapes.

"A Musician & A Writer, Poverty Mentality Fighter, Lyric Reciter, Composer of these Electrolyte Exciters.... An Advocate for Justice".

" I don't know how they're treating you down in Baltimore, but this joint is Hot right here!!!" -DJ Flex WPGC 95.5 FM (Washington D.C. 's Radio Personality)

"Von Vargas is a guy that had been lurking around the Baltimore hip-hop scene for longer than I'd been paying attention to it, and somehow I never really heard his music until this album dropped a couple months ago, and went and interviewed him and learned about his long history in the game. I love these kinds of smart, solid, underground rap albums that can only be made with a lot of heart and experience." -Al Shipley, The City Paper

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"I just wanted to thank you for being so patient and professional at The Soundry. You were definitely worth the wait...your performance was amazing and you had the whole room up dancing. I don't think we have ever had a performer get the whole room dancing. We would love for you to come back again!" -Jennifer, The Soundry

> "Went to your site, listened to your music, loved it! Very thought provoking,...you are extremely talented, much better than what I see on TV." -Will Shanklin, Shanklin Media

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