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ARTIST CV



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ARTIST STATEMENT

I'm a hip-hop artist, a multi-genre music producer, songwriter, musician and DJ who advocates for justice through song. With music messaging that can resonate and transcend generations, hip-hop is my medium to reach, inspire, teach, and advocate. As a hip-hop artist, many times I portray songs that reflect and mirror struggle, pain, tragedy, and trauma yet simultaneously advocating for hope, justice, victory, and triumph. My goal whenever discussing any type of social ill through song, is to also highlight solutions to those social ills.

I've never underestimated the power of my music and I'm very aware that my voice can make a difference. My music often speaks for those who've felt overlooked, dismissed, outcasted or felt like they didn't have a voice at all. Using my voice through music is a way for me to make a positive social impact for the aforementioned and beyond. It is truly apart of why I was born.

“VON VARGAS IS A MUSIC CREATOR.”

Von Vargas is currently at work preparing to release a new body of work in the Winter of 2021, titled “Dinner Coat, Hard Bottoms” a full-length musical a-cappella album, extending the boundaries of what has become commonplace in the Hip Hop.

Von Vargas is a multi-faceted music creator. He's a Hip Hop artist, multi-genre music producer, songwriter, musician, and DJ. Von is responsible for creating Hip-Hop Ads, Music Marketing Campaigns and Music Sync Placements for ESPN, CBS Sports, CNN, HBO/ Vice TV, BET, United Healthcare, American Cancer Society, Changes Enterprises, Dickies Workwear to name a few. His music has been aired on numerous Radio and Television Networks. He shares a Stellar Award Nomination and was rated with one of the top albums of the year in the Baltimore Paper. Von is also a Creative Crossroads Music Producer for Motor House Theater in Baltimore, Maryland. The “So Stereo A&R Affiliate” is a two-time Baker Artist Awards Music Finalist and has been featured on many national and international media outlets for music.

Formerly the President of the Washington DC Chapter in The Recording Academy, Von currently serves as a National Trustee of the Recording Academy known for GRAMMY Awards. Von's also the Vice President of the Baltimore City College Alumni Association, Inc. and is a community curator for The Digilogue (a community-driven music and tech platform, connecting and educating music creatives across the world). He's the co-owner of C.D. Studios, which has allowed him to maximize his musical talents while serving corporate and community clients, as well as, students of Maryland Public Schools Systems. In addition to being a creative Von can be found consulting for artist, industry professionals and music start-ups such as IndieFlow, watching movies and music documentaries.

BRIEF BIO

EDUCATION

- Music Business Program (NYU/Tisch) (Certificate) 2020
- Streetwear Essentials ((Parson New School / Complex) Current
- 30 Calls a Day Masterclass by Ryan Leslie (Current) 2020
- Timbaland Producer Masterclass 2019
- Protools Class (Completion), 2008
- 1997 (Diploma) Radio, Electronics and Television School/ TESST College (Diploma), 1997

RECOGNITION

- 2019 & 2018 Baker Award Music Finalist
- Baltimore County Executive Citation for Music
- Empowering Youth Award
- The National Urban League
- Free to Breathe Jam Fest
- The American Lung Association
- Defeat The Violence Award
- Mentoring Academics Athletic Partnership Appreciation Award
- The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services Mentoring with Style Award
- Maryland State Department of Education
- RAW Artist 2012 Nominee
- 2012 Top Ten Albums for City Paper

MEMBERSHIPS

- The Recording Academy / NARAS
- GMA Gospel Music Association
- SESAC
- PRS for Music
- Songtrust
- Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance
- Baltimore City College Alumni Association

ARTIST RESIDENCY

2019 Creative Crossroads
Resident Music Producer
for Motorhouse (Baltimore
Theater)

SKILLS

Hip-Hop Performance
Music Production
Experienced Songwriter
Recording Engineer
Music Educator
ProTools

MPC Ren
Final Cut Pro
Drums
Intermediate Piano
Serato DJ
Adobe Creative Suite
Music Programming Curator
Voice-Over

AFFILIATION

- The Digilogue
- A&R Affiliate for So Stereo Music

UPCOMING & PAST RELEASES

- Dinner Coat Dope (Album) Winter 2021
- Made to Out-stand (Single) March 2020
- Good-X's (Single) April 2020
- Goes It Goes (Single) March 2020
- Air (Single) March 2020
- Royal (Single) Feb 2020
- 3220 the Soundtrack (Various Artist Album) Oct 2019
- Still Gucc (Single) April 2019
- Royal (Single), 2020
- Music Producer for Voices of Carmen Stage Play 2019
- 3220: The Soundtrack, 2019
- Still Gucc (Single), 2019
- BSB Marriage Conference (Theme Song Producer) 2018
- Baltimore Cease Fire (Campaign Theme Song) (Single), 2017
- Metropolis Binocular, 2017
- More Than Fame (Single) 2017
- Paradise Forever (Single), 2017
- Red Lips (Single), 2015
- No Tomorrow (Single), 2013
- Burn (Single), 2012
- World Famous Lexington Market, 2012
- Fly Bella Donna Mixtape (Prod. by Von Vargas), 2012
- Foreve'r Christiano, 2010
- Run DMV Mixtape, 2010
- The Hit List Mixtape w/ DJ S.O.P, 2010
- The Scarlet Letter Mixtape, 2008
- WTTE Harvest Vol. 2, 2008
- Overlooked & Underrated Champ Mixtape, 2007
- The Harvest Vol. 1, 2004
- Changes w/ Dickies Workwear (Radio/ Television Hip-Hop Ad), 2003
- Gold Valley (Radio Hip-Hop Ad), 2003
- The Got Skillz Compilation, 2003
- Charm City Classics, 2002

MUSIC & DJ PERFORMANCES/ FESTIVALS

- CAMMO Songwriting Workshop (Alexandria, VA) March 2020
- Featured w/ Quincy Phillips & Chicken Grease (Sotto DC Washigton DC) Feb 2020
- Featured w/ Josh Lay In So Many Words Feb 2020
Album Release (Motorhouse Baltimore)
- Private Gala (Kappa House Baltimore, Md.) Feb 2020
- Gramophone Tastemakers (District LA Los Angeles CA) Jan 2020

MUSIC & DJ PERFORMANCES/ FESTIVALS Cont.

- City-Poly Music Showcase (Motorhouse Baltimore) Nov 2019
- Red Lion Hotels Nov 2019
- Bloomingdales (Chevy Chase MD.) Oct 2019
- Out of The Dark (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) Navy Stadium Annapolis MD Oct 2019
- Samoht (Urban Embassy) Aug 2019
- Sneakers & Speakers (Motorhouse Baltimore)
- City-Poly Music Showcase (Motorhouse Baltimore)
- Red Lion Hotels
- Bloomingdales (Chevy Chase MD.)
- OOTDC(American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) Navy Stadium
- Samoht (Urban Embassy)
- Sneakers & Speakers (Motorhouse Baltimore)
- Artscape Festival (Worlds Largest Art Festival)
- African American Heritage Festival (Afram)
- African Cultural Festival
- Ocean City Convention Center Youth Festival
- Houston Hip Hop Awards TX

Other Performances in...

Rome GA, Greensburg SC, Charlotte NC, Brooklyn NY,
Los Angeles CA, New Jersey, Arlington VA, Alexandria VA,
Washington DC, Baltimore MD, Princes Georges County, MD,
Silver Spring, MD

SELECTED CURATED EVENTS

- Gramophone Tastemakers: LA, 2020
- City-Poly Music Showcase 2019
- Press Play: Motorhouse Baltimore, 2019
- Women In The Industry 2019
- Sneakers & Speakers 2019
- Gramophone Tastemakers: LA, 2019
- Gramophone Tastemakers: New York, 2018
- Rings to The Sky Music Showcase: Baltimore, 2016
- In My Own Lane: Motor House Baltimore, 2016
- Press Play: Gibson Showroom Washington DC, 2016
- Listening Lounge: Baltimore, 2015
- No Tomorrow Video Screening: Chazz Restaurant: Baltimore, 2014
- Album Release Party: Mosaics Nite Club/Power Plant Live: Baltimore, 2012
- Album Release Party: 1840's Ballroom: Baltimore, 2010
- Creative Black Tie Listening Party: Maserati Car Dealership: Baltimore, 2009

DJ HISTORY

Alongside:
DJ SNS
DJ King Arthur
DJ Quicksilva
DJ Lil Mic
DJ DNA
& Others...

MUSIC PRODUCTION & SONGWRITING TEACHING

- C.A.M.M.O. Military/Vets | Arlington VA. | Songwriting 2020, 2019
- Waverly | Y in Central Md, Music Production Class 2019
- Abington, Ring Factory, Youths Benefit, Prospect Mills | Songwriting Music Workshops 2018
- College Gardens | Y in Central Md, Music Production 2018/19
- Under Armour House | Music Business Workshop, 2018
- College Gardens | Y in Central Md, Music Production Class, 2018
- Ft. Worthington Elem./Middle School | Y in Central Md, Music Production Class, 2018
- Walter P Carter Elem./Middle School | Y in Central Md, Music Production Class, 2017
- Arundel Elem./ Middle | Bell Program, Music Production Class, 2016
- Collington Square Elem./ Middle School | Elev8 Baltimore, Music Production Class, 2014
- Arundel Elementary/ Middle | Bell Program, Music Production Class, 2013

