

Hi, family!

Thank you for clicking away and staying curious as well as being supportive over the past years to date. I am grateful for you and your patience as you watch me grow steadily and egging me on to keep moving while staying true to self. I see you and I am encouraged. Now, some of you have been asking for new music and even a tour, and now I am happy to tell you I am diving in head first ( with a helmet on).

I am ready.

I want to make my dream a reality. It has been 7 years since I recorded a full <u>album</u> and <u>toured</u>. You supported me even from halfway across the world. That experience was one of a kind and much needed. However, I won't lie, it wasn't easy. I was a new mom traveling with a 1 yr & 7 old, including band members. However, what you didn't see and know about this experience was the amount of strain it came with, largely due to lack of resources and funds that were not sufficient to put on a regional tour. To a certain degree I underestimated the amount of work and resources needed to make this effort smooth sailing. I needed (wo) manpower and a strategy that made sense for this type of project. Don't get me wrong, I had some support system from you (afar), from hubby, some music connections & South African Music Rights Organization (Music Mobility Fund ) as this tour was partly funded by them but we needed a plan that included fundraising efforts that will ensure we hire experienced, get accommodation, food, travel on a full scale.

Now, this is to show you that this journey is not easy and it is not for the faint-hearted but those who have a vision, a plan, resources and the will to execute till the end. I also have zero regrets because through it all I learnt about my inner strength, my resilience and my deep love and connection to story and music. Yes, I was writing a story through that experience.

I have grown, learnt hard lessons, stayed loyal and true to myself and gained an enormous amount of real life experience in the process. I made my grandfather proud. I was determined to do it again. Someday.

To do it better and smarter.

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That day has come. Over the years while performing in and around Connecticut I gained a lot of knowledge about the music business and even went as far as to establish myself as a business entity. Through the pandemic I have not stopped working making my dreams a reality. On my attic I recorded and produced my first independent single "Sweet Sorrow" and continue to create via live performances and as I draft & record my homemade Extended Play Record (EP) which will be called "Petrichor" which is an abstract storytelling of my becoming and how I continue to carve my path and define myself. It will consist of 5 tracks including your beloved "Imagine", some visuals and a few more which you will find on the full album which I hope will be possible through your support. I am ready for the challenge. After all, I only have 16 months to create the entire album and visuals while touring.

April 7th, 2023 EP Launch and September 24th, 2023, Album Launch.

Performance Finale, Sometime in November. TBD.

Financial Support Needed For The Following (Summary)

Staffing

Recording

**Production Team** 

Transportation/Travel

Accommodation

**Band Compensation** 

Registration Fees

Food

In the process of this fundraising period and beyond you will be updated on the progress and any challenges faced. We are doing this together. Please **subscribe** here:

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This album and tour is a statement and a dedication to my beloved grandfather who always believed in me. I see nothing standing in my way but me.