

Ntsika



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Ntsika started working professionally in 2010 with the internationally acclaimed acapella group The Soil; he is one of the key members in the band as well as the lead composer.

Ntsika has just released his debut solo album entitled *I Write What I Dream*. He will be performing on the Moses Molelekwa Stage at the Cape Town International Jazz Festival on Saturday, 30 March 2019 at 10pm. I caught up with him, last week.



■ ***When are you happiest?***

When I'm on stage.

■ ***What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?***

Getting to change people's moods instantly.

■ ***What do you think of influencers?***

I like them more when they are part of life-changing campaigns.

■ ***What drives you: ego or humility?***

I'd like to think of what drives me as "heightened confidence".

■ ***Any funny moments on stage?***

Forgetting my lyrics on stage and making a comic meal out of it.

■ ***It's your round, what are you drinking?***

Dry red wine.

■ ***Dream gig to do?***

The Womad Festival in Spain.

■ ***What makes you stand out?***

My spiritual connection with music.

■ ***Nicknames?***

Fana Mayiza.

■ ***If you were not a musician, what would you do?***

A superb professional soccer player.

■ ***Pick five words to describe yourself?***

Unapologetic, driven, musical, spiritual and genius.



■ ***Favourite SA album?***

Kulture Noir by Simphiwe Dana.

■ ***Give us some real proper slang and what it means***

“As’bangereni Majita” and it loosely translates into “it’s time; let’s show them what we are made of.”

■ ***Top of your bucket list?***

Win a Grammy and an Oscar in the same year.

■ ***Your greatest achievement?***

My debut solo album, *I Write What I Dream*.

■ ***What do you complain about most often?***

Not singing enough, Lol. Once I start I don’t usually want to stop.

■ ***What is your fear?***

Waking up one day and not being excited about taking over the world.

■ ***On stage, I tend to?***

Smile a lot and laugh at my own dry jokes.

■ ***The best life lesson you have been taught?***

“The will to win is not as important as the will to prepare to win.”

▣ **Where would you like to be right now?**

On a world tour.

▣ **Do you do charity work and, if you do, what do you do?**

Yes, I do. I conduct music workshops.

▣ **Wishes and dreams?**

For *I Write What I Dream* to be a global soundtrack to people's lives.

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