



Zaggi

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New album "In Transit" coming soon

Biography

With his blazing performances on Summerjam Festival (Germany), Rototom Sun-splash (Italy), Two7Splash (Netherlands) and Zenith (France) just to mention a few, Holland's #1 reggae artist Ziggi has put his permanent mark on the international reggae market.

In September 2008 Ziggi will release his second album "In Transit". On this album Ziggi proves that he's an excellent singer, song writer. Artists such as Gentleman, Anthony B and Ce'Cile have collaborated with Ziggi on "In Transit". From March 2008 Ziggi will start playing his new repertoire live throughout Europe and will start his album tour after the festival season.

Growing up on the Caribbean island of St. Eustatius the young Ricardo Blijden was given the nickname Ziggi by his grandparents who raised him. In 2001 Ziggi came to the Netherlands to study. It was in that time when he was introduced to Mr. Rude the owner of an independent studio and label called Rock'N Vibes Entertainment. Soon chilling out in the studio with friends became a professional musical career for Ziggi. *Quote Mr Rude: "Ziggi had a vibe from the first time I heard him sing".*

In February of 2006 Ziggi released his debut album So Much Reasons, with this album Ziggi managed to capture several awards in the Netherlands such as "Best Album", "Best Artist" and "Best Live Act". "So Much Reasons" produced several hits and had noticeable features on it with artists such as Elephant Man and Turbulence. In 2007 Ziggi recorded "Blaze it" on the Collie Buddz's come around riddim, Blaze it had a major impact internationally and held the #1 position in the official German reggae charts for several weeks.

Ziggi and the Renaissance Band closed off the year 2007 at a peak by going along as the official support act on what was considered the biggest reggae tour that year, Gentleman's Another Intensity European Tour 2007. Ziggi visited places such as Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy, Austria and the Netherlands.

Quote Gentleman: "Ziggi should wear sunglasses because his future is too bright!".

Biography continued...

All in all with his energetic live act and new album, Ziggi is set out to take his musical career to the next level on the international market in 2008.

Quote Ziggi: "I love to do music"

More information on Ziggi

For more info visit www.ziggimusic.com or www.rocknvibes.com.



Fact sheet

Releases

- In My Head ft. Shanaira Rey 1-8-2004 (*CD Single*)
- High Time 1-5-2005 (*CD Single*)
- Call Me 14-11-2005 (*CD Single*)
- Outta Control 1-06-2006 (*CD Single*)
- So Much Reasons 6-2-2006 (*Album*)
- All Obstacles 9-04-2007 (*CD Single*)

Highlights

- Single "In My Head" 5 weeks at #1 in the X-charts (2004)
- Single "High Time" 6 weeks at #1 in the X-charts (2005)
- Third single "Call Me" 2 weeks #1 in Funx Charts (2005)
- So Much Reasons Tour around the Netherlands with the Renaissance Band (2006)
- Opening act for UB 40's Dutch tour (2006)
- Won an Essent Award for best debut Album (Netherlands) So Much Reasons (2006)
- Performed on Two 7's Splash (Netherlands) alongside Sean Paul, Damian & Ziggy Marley, Elephant man, I-Wayne and more. (2006)
- Performed at Rototom Sun Splash Italy alongside reggae legends Steel Pulse (2006)
- Performed at Lowlands (Netherlands) (2006)
- Won two BNN Urban Awards for: "Best Live Act" & "Best Album" (2006)
- Won two PP2G Awards for "Best Album" & "Best Artist" (2006)
- Tribute 2 Bob Marley tour (Netherlands) (2006)
- Performed in Dakar Senegal (Africa) at Riddim For Children Festival (2006)
- Benefit concert in St Eustatius for the old people home (2006)
- Release "So Much Reasons" album in Germany, Austria & Switzerland (2007)
- Performed at the 27th edition Heineken Regatta on St Maarten (Caribbean) alongside Stephen & Damian Marley (2007)
- "Blaze It" ("Come Around Riddim") #1 in the official German Reggae Charts (2007)

Fact sheet continued...

- Travelled to Mali (Africa) to participate in Oxfam-Novib campaign: "Every Child Belongs In Class" (2007)
- Performed at Summer Jam Germany/Cologne) alongside T.O.K, Beenie man, Alborosie & Gentleman. (2007)
- Performed at Reggae Jam in Bersenbrück Germany alongside dancehall star Cecile (2007)
- Headliner at Ruhr Reggae Summer Festival in Mulheim Germany (2007)
- Single "All Obstacles" #3 position in the official German reggae charts (2007)
- Official support act Another Intensity European tour 2007 from Gentleman. (Oct - Nov 2007)

Bookings & info

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