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BIOGRAPHY

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Nigerian Canadian Singer-Songwriter Artist TolumiDE (pronounced toe-lu-mee-day), describes her music as "Suya Soul" and her debut album, 'My Love' reflects the phrase as a sonic cross-cultural blend of Neo-Soul Inspiration and Afro-pop World music with mainly English lyrics and a touch of African Spice in the form of native language and rhythm. Influenced by acts within R&B, Gospel and Classic Soul genres such as Sade, Stevie Wonder and Africa Pop stars as, Onyeka Owenu and Angélique Kidjo, TolumiDE whose name translates as "Thank God" in Yorùbá, has evolved as a Female Vocalist with audience grabbing performances, rave reviews and multiple awards.

Early music beginnings started for the female vocalist TolumiDE growing up in Lagos and singing with church choirs and school cultural groups. Shortly after a move to Toronto, to pursue undergraduate studies, she joined Women Ah Run Tings all-female band and gained immeasurable performance experience and recognition with the group. After losing her mother to Cancer during her final year of studies TolumiDE gathered up strength to complete her education with Honors Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Moving to Baltimore shortly after to be closer to her dad, younger siblings and work as a Graphic Artist for the city's FOX - CW affiliate Television Station did not deter her from singing but fueled her passion to simultaneously pursue music as a second career.

TolumiDE got her big break as a solo artist after releasing her debut full length album and accompanying Music Video, for the title track 'My Love' directed by Tayo Aberejo from Black Royal Pictures which received rotation numerous Urban television media Africa and Europe and earned numerous award recognitions including Channel O Music Video Awards (South Africa) Most Gifted RnB nomination.

Going beyond the success of her releases; Specialty (2008) and My Love (2010) in Valentines 2012, BET International 106 & Park exclusively premiered 'For me' music video, the lead single from forthcoming release. By spring, the nationally distributed single 'For Me' peaked at #42 on Music Choice (R&B/Soul) charts, #32 at Top Indie Charts and #85 at National airplay top 100 Digital Radio Tracker Charts. TolumiDE's follow up single & music video release "More Than You'll Ever Know" – featured award winning Ghanaian Hip Hop artist, D-Black - Da Ghana Bwouy, BET's Best International Act: Africa Award Nominee 2011. A sultry love song declaring true love 'Me Do Wo', in the midst of common challenges couples face every day.

TolumiDE's Performance repertoire continues to soar locally and internationally as a solo act with her band of musicians at a number of events hosted by Non-profits, Educational Institutes, Government Agencies and Embassies, Festivals, Conferences, Church, Jazz Lounges and Private events.

Dedicated to community enhancement and youth development, TolumiDE serves as an executive board member of the non-profit group Afropolitan Youth Association (AfropolitanYouth.org) and an Entertainment Director for FestAfrica (FestAfricaUSA.com) - The largest African Festival in Maryland tasked with creating a diverse multi-cultural experience and a place of new discovery, fun memories and great contribution to the quality of life. As a voting member of the Grammys Recording Academy, she participates with numerous Washington DC chapter activities.

Currently in production for her second studio album, TolumiDE continues to share her message of Love & Culture while expanding on the fusion of Urban Contemporary Soul and African music genres for old and new audiences.

TolumiDE Performance Past & Upcoming

2020 - May 16th / Carroll Arts Center - Westminster MD, USA

2019 - September 9th / Celebrate Africa Festival - Bladensburg, Maryland

**2019 - February 22nd / Intersections Festival at Atlas Performing Arts Center
- Washington, DC**

2018 - December 15th / Howard Theatre - Washington, DC

2018 - August 9th / MusikFest - Bethlehem, MA USA

Nov 03, 2017 - International Fest (Headliner) - Loyola University

Oct 07, 2017 - Ladies in the Industry: Music and Media - Washington DC

Sep 09, 2017 - 202 Arts & Music Festival Washington, DC

Aug 13, 2017 - FestAfrica Silver Spring, MD

Jul 07, 2017 - Delaware County Summer Festival Media, PA

May 27, 2017 - Women's Empower Expo Washington, DC

Apr 14, 2017 - University of Maryland Eastern Shore Princess Anne, MD

Nov 18, 2016 - Appioo African Bar & Grill Washington, DC

Jun 24, 2016 - TolumiDE LIVE at T & T Fashion Show Greenbelt, MD

Jun 13, 2016 - The Pink Cow Minato, Japan, Tokyo

May 29, 2016 - Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park Beaufort, SC

Apr 01, 2016 - National Cherry Blossom Festival Washington, DC

Feb 27, 2016 - National Museum of African Art – Smithsonian .Washington, DC

Feb 26, 2016 - Appioo African Bar & Grill Washington, DC

Dec 11, 2015 - Visual Collaborative Art Exhibit Hyattsville, MD

Apr 11, 2015 - Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, MD

Apr 10, 2015 - Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, DC

Oct 03, 2014 - The Fillmore, Silver Spring, MD

Aug 04, 2014 - Blues Alley (Headliner) Washington, DC

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Birthplace: Toronto, Canada

Raised In: Lagos, Nigeria
Toronto, Canada
Baltimore, MD

Education: York University,
Toronto, Canada
Bachelors of Fine Arts (Honors)

Discography: Specialty
My Love

Musical Style/Genre: African World - Inspirational - R&B/Soul,
(Sub-Genres - Afro-Pop, Neo-Soul, Gospel,
Urban Contemporary RnB, Reggae, Jazz)

Awards: Black Canadians Awards
African Act - Nominee (2014)

International Women Achievers' Awards
(IWAA) - Canada
Entertainment Award (2013)

Nigeria Entertainment Awards Nominee
for Best U.S. based Artist (2012)

MOAMA - Africa Music Video Awards Nominee
for Best Diaspora Song (2011)

WAMA (Washington Area Musicians) Nominee
for Gospel/Inspirational Vocalist & Recording (2011)

Channel O Music Video Award Nominee
for Most Gifted RnB (2010)

Covenant Awards (GMA Canada)
for Urban/R&B/Soul Album of the Year (2010)

ArtScape SOUND-OFF Competition Winner
for Charm City Statge Headliner (2010)

African Heritage Award Winner
for Outstanding African Artist (2009)

Nigeria Entertainment Awards
for Best Female R&B Artist (2006)

Canadian Reggae Award (Four-time Nominee)
a member of Women Ah Run Tings

Features & Appearances:

Television: Voice of America, FOX45, MTV Base, Channel O (South Africa), Trace TV (France), BET International (Europe), Channels TV, Soundcity, Nigezie (Nigeria), Afrotainment, Amet (Canada), Fox 45 Morning News Show, Gospel Music Channel (USA), CBN - Turning Point, ONE Gospel, HiponTV, MBOA TV.

Radio: WEEA 88.1FM (USA), Smooth FM, Inspiration FM, (Lagos), Cool FM (Abuja), G98.7FM, CHRY, CIUT, CLKN, (Toronto).

Publication: The Baltimore Sun, Genevive Manazine, Bella Naija, NotJustok, The D.C. Examiner, The Afro American, TheBlackGospelBlog.com, EURWeb.com, GospelPundit.com

Notable Performances:

National Museum of African Art - Smithsonian Institution - Washington, DC

Cherry Blossom Festival - Washington, DC

Gullah Festival - Beaufort, SC

African American Heritage Festival - Baltimore, MD

Blues Alley - Washington, DC

Artscape - Baltimore, MD

Filmore - Silver Spring, MD

Vancouver Jazz Festival - Vancouver, Canada

Theatre Royal (Olympics) - London, United Kingdom

Visual Collaborative - Washington, DC

Toronto Jazz Festival - Toronto, Canada

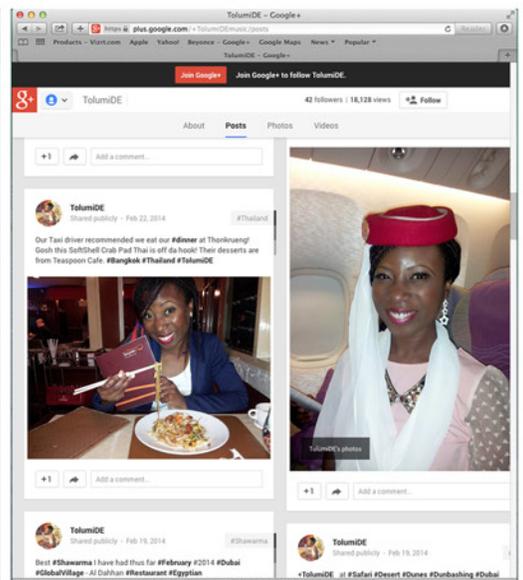
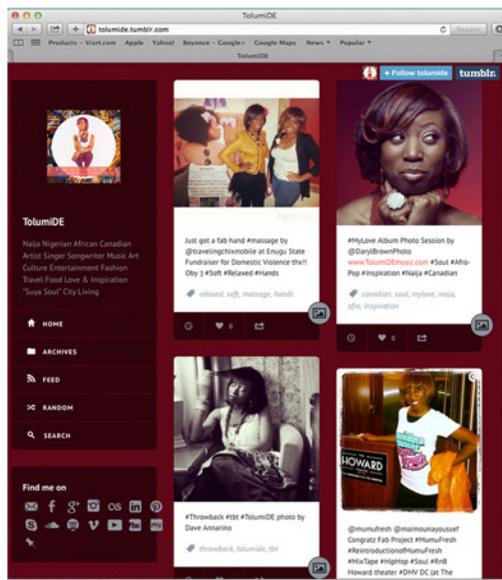
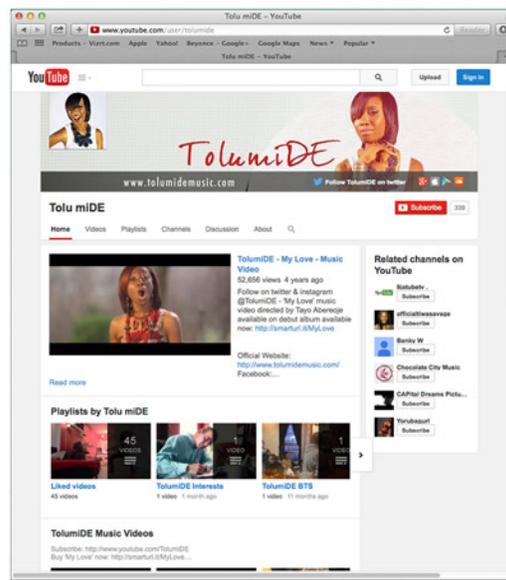
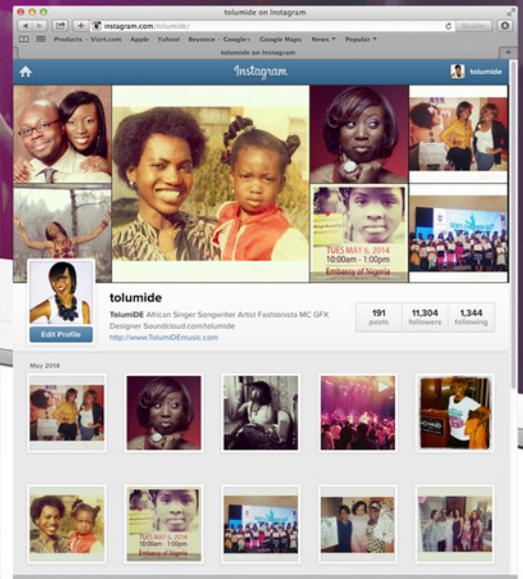
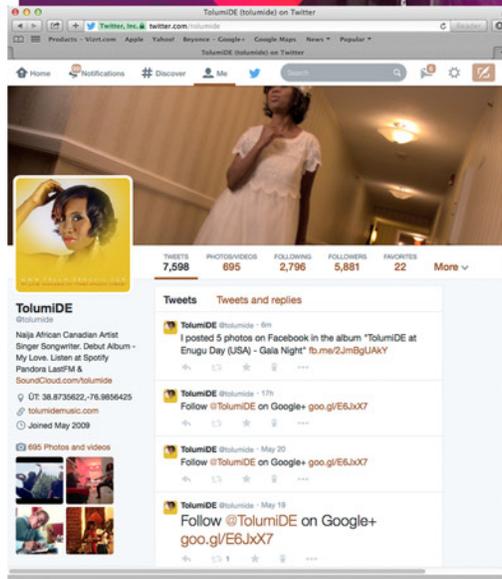
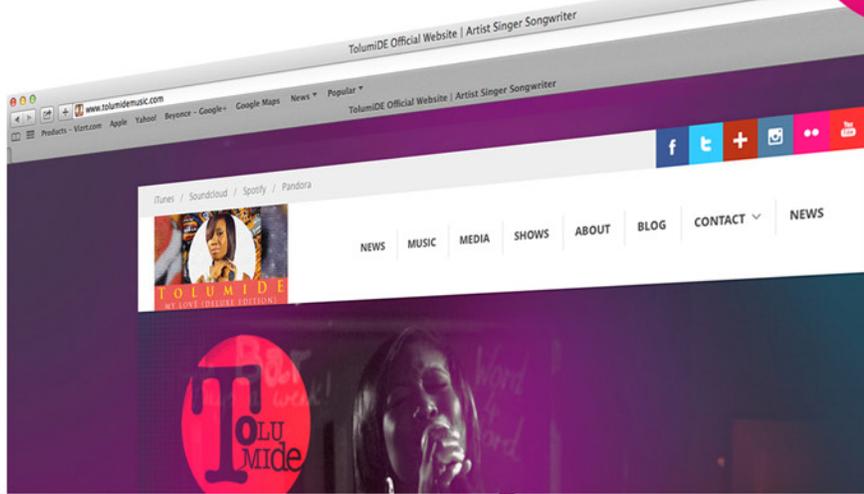
Nigerian Embassy - Washington, DC

FestAfrica - Silver Spring, MD

Website & Social Media



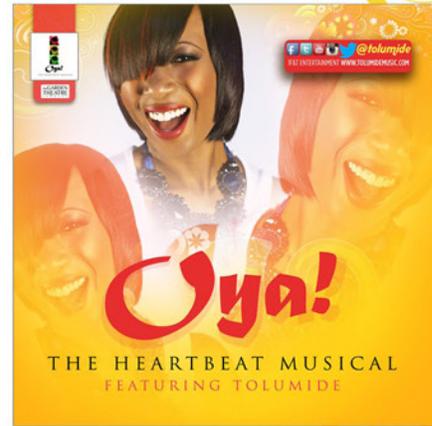
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Available on **iTunes** : **Amazon** : **CDbaby** & all major digital outlets



My Love

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2. What I'd like to be
3. My Love
4. More than you'll ever know
5. All cell phones
6. Because you know
7. Speed of life
8. Specialty
9. For me
10. Colours of life
11. O Lagbara
12. My Love (DJ Teffler Mix)

ALBUM REVIEW



TolumiDE seems to shine with almost any musical platform she chooses. "Specialty" has a soulful and R&B theme, but with a relaxing and smoothed out delivery. With a dose of positivity, the song is one of pure jubilation. It's another fabulous track from the pen of TolumiDE herself.

Although many tracks lend themselves to upbeat and swiftly moving tempos, the artist knows how to slow things down with some beautiful melodic musical presentations. "Colours of Life", with a melancholy theme, but a hopeful end, showcases TolumiDE's gift of setting an introspective poem to music.

Single women will be able to relate to the familiar scenario TolumiDE spells out in "For Me". Over a mellow neo-soul groove, she sings about waiting on the right one and resisting the temptation to "help God out". There is much wisdom in the song, one definitely sung from experience.

"More Than You'll Ever Know" is another winner on My Love. A relaxed track about true love, it's one of the CD's most memorable tracks. From the viewpoint of a woman in love, the song speaks about a God-ordained love over rhythmic and captivating hook.

Jazz lovers will enjoy the contemporary yet traditional stylings of "Speed of Life". The song is a reminder not to take life for granted. "O Lagbara" is a festive track celebrating TolumiDE's African heritage. Translated "Jesu Christi Lagbara" means Jesus has a lot of power and strength. There's no doubt that this one is a praise tune with dancing not an option!

TolumiDE delivers her first full length project, My Love, and simply put, it's a stunner. Exposing all the musical sides of the artist, My Love is power-packed with one great track after another. She uniquely packages inspirational messages with brilliant songwriting, flawless production and riveting vocals. Throughout the eleven tracks, all penned by the artist herself, TolumiDE bares her musical soul and takes the listener on an emotive and telling journey of her life and her Lord.

"My Love", the album's title song and lead single, is definitely one of the album's tightest tracks. With a thick back beat and a striking urban groove, the song radiates. TolumiDE sings of her love of God with reminders of what He does for her every day. Easily radio ready for urban or contemporary gospel stations, this song is a scorcher.

Another funky cut is the slick "What I'd Like". TolumiDE has a way of taking a concept and wrapping her emotive vocals around a percussive masterpiece. The song's lyrics find the singer desiring to be more like the Lord. "Because You Know" flaunts its strong African influence with a message of unity. Living in peace and harmony is the focus of this laid-back cut.

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Track Listing

1. Ekabo
2. What I'd like to be
3. My Love
4. More than you'll ever know
5. All cell phones
6. Because you know
7. Speed of life
8. Specialty
9. For me
10. Colours of life
11. O Lagbara
12. My Love (DJ Teffler Mix)

My Love - Barcode



Digital Distribution

Amazon, itunes, CDbaby

Social Network:

Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, Youtube & Reverbnation

Website: www.TolumiDEmusic.com



TolumiDE truly shines on the funky cut, "My Love". A strong dose of urban hip hop sprinkled with inspiration, the track speaks of the love that the singer has for the Lord. Wrapped in a thick back beat and a danceable groove to get your praise on to, the track is hot and can easily stand toe-to-toe with anything on urban radio today.

Radio Singles

1. My Love
2. Specialty
3. For Me
4. All cell phones

Radio Single 'My Love' Distributed nationally and charting on BDS, Media Guide and MediaBase with rotation on 150 stations nationwide, College and Internet Radio.

The single peaked at #34 on the Media Guide Top 100 Gospel Chart

MediaGuide Music Charts
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TP Rank	LP Rank	P2 Rank	Peak Rank	Weeks	Artist	Song	Label	TP Plays	LP Plays	Wk
36	32	41	32	3	Sisters	Mercy Leads	Daywind	4	7	-3
37	38	37	33	9	Praises Of Zion	I Believe	Malaco / Savoy	4	2	2
38	35	42	33	4	Marvin Sapp	Don't Count Me Out	Verity	4	4	0
39	34	38	34	4	TolumiDE	My Love	Self-Released	3	4	-1
40	37	0	35	24	Monica Lisa Stevenson	Fall Fresh	Self-Released	2	3	-1
41	0	0	41	5	Kelly Price	Nobody But Jesus (w/ Vanessa Bell Armstrong)	Gospo Centric	2	0	2
42	45	0	42	3	Marvin Sapp	Fresh Wind	Verity	1	1	0
43	0	0	43	2	Marvin Sapp	Keep Holding On	Verity	1	0	1
44	0	0	44	21	Lisa Knowles & The Brown Singers	I Got Jesus	Self-Released	1	0	1
45	0	0	45	21	Bishop J. Bailey	I'll Encourage Myself	Self-Released	1	0	1
46	0	0	46	5	Donnie McClurkin	Hallelujah Song	Verity / Zomba	1	0	1
47	30	39	30	8	Monica Lisa Stevenson	So Glad He Saved Me	Self-Released	1	10	-9
48	52	0	48	16	Israel Houghton	The Power Of One (Change The World)	Integrity / Columbia	1	1	0
49	41	49	41	4	Mary Mary	I'm Running	My Block / Integrity / Columbia	1	2	-1
50	55	50	37	14	Bishop T.D. Jakes	Let's Give Him Praise	Integrity	1	1	0
51	0	53	51	10	Freddy Rodriguez	I Will Run	Integrity	1	0	1
52	0	0	52	2	Freddy Rodriguez	We Lift Our Hands	Integrity	1	0	1
53	59	0	31	18	Alvin Slaughter	Mighty Praise	Integrity	1	1	0
54	62	0	54	13	Maurette Brown Clark	I Am What God Says I Am	Atlanta	1	1	0

Press Reviews

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"As the title track (and current single) demonstrates, the album combines the vibrancy of African polyrhythm, explosive techno and TolumiDE's fetching African accent with lyrics that uplift, empower and inspire while remaining grounded in the realities of modern life."

- Bob Marovich, The Black Gospel

"Big blend of Afro-pop, funky reggae, neo-soul and jazz prove to be an entertaining brew for urban gospel's newcomer."

- J. Matthew Cobb, HIFI Magazine

TolumiDE emerges with 'For Me', an easy listening soulful single that tells a 'girl meets boy' story, a dreamy expectation of a girl and her musings with lyrics that reflect the anticipation of finding that right partner with divine help. It is a song many women can relate to about the search for the ideal partner. It's the new girl anthem for finding and looking forward to love.

- ICY PR

TolumiDE's voice, to me, is reminiscent of a mixture between Diana Ross and Brandy's voices. "It's an Inspirational mixture of Jazz, African and World Music," said TolumiDE Olumide about her sound."

- Eunice Moseley, Electronic Urban Report (EUR)

"A strong dose of urban hip hop sprinkled with inspiration, the track speaks of the love that the singer has for the Lord. Wrapped in a thick back beat and a danceable groove to get your praise on to, the track is hot and can easily stand toe-to-toe with anything on urban radio today"

- Andrea R. Williams, Tehillah Enterprises

"Growing up across the globe did not deter TolumiDE's aspirations of becoming a singer. In fact, her various dwellings strongly shaped her musical prowess. With gospel music at heart, TolumiDE hopes to convey a message that is totally her own."

- Gregory Dale, The Afro Newspaper

"True, the lyrics are about Him, praising him, thanking him, etc., as they no doubt have to be, but the sound and vibe of most urban gospel is no different from contemporary R&B or pop.

- Siji Jabbar, This is Africa

Her music bears the mark of lighthearted cheeriness that makes for easy listening. Her song Specialty, offers an alternative way to view talent and she plays on this theme in the song.

- Jibola Lawal, Bella Naija

Wow, she went in on this one; the instrumental immediately gets you moving, but her voice and delivery make you FEEL the song

- Demola Ogundele, Not Just Ok



Music Videos



FOR ME

www.youtu.be/e4Gi3Y2pdR8



BECAUSE YOU KNOW

www.youtu.be/_IsCGwQilo



**MORE ... (ME DO WO)
LYRIC VIDEO**

www.youtu.be/NSYxQsC4F14



MY LOVE

www.youtu.be/AmUj18YFMBA



**MORE ... REMIX (ME DO WO)
FEAT D-BLACK**

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Interviews



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