

Andre A Marshall



Andre Marshall aka Mayja was born in the early 1980's on a little island called Trinidad and Tobago. He was the youngest of four children by mother Esther Marshall and was considered to be brilliant from the time he was four years old as he was able to complete math problems and spell words which were meant for a 7 or 8 year old. Mayja grew up in a small town called Happy Hill in a village named Gasparillo. This was a very

tight knit community where every kid was considered to be "community raised". Wanting so much to be like his older brother Joel, Mayja mirrored his every move getting into karate and soccer as those were the

activities his brother participated in and was very good at. By the time he was nine years old Andre was considered to be the next "big thing" in sports as he was consistently representing

his school and neighborhood teams to championship titles. Andre, at twelve years old was one of the smartest boys on the island as he took a liking to global geography, math and spanish. He also represented Trinidad and Tobago internationally in both soccer and track and field. Andre was always very fond of music and poetry and began writing

poems to get in good with the young ladies. His mother, Esther, worked very hard to create new opportunities for her children and was able to migrate to New Jersey in the United States with three of her four children in the mid 1990's. Mayja's older sisters Rhonda and Stasse were both very influential to him so he found it hard to leave his sister Rhonda behind as she wasn't interested in moving to the U.S. at that time. Nevertheless he moved forward with stronger support from his mother and sister Stasse mainly, as his brother Joel was busy getting used to his new life and very seldom had time to spend with his younger brother. Mayja was able to pick up right where he left off as far as the sports were concerned as he excelled in both track and field and soccer at the High School level learning himself all state recognition as a sophomore and would continue to be one of the most popular and successful high school athletes in the entire state of New Jersey. While his athletic

career was blossoming, his academic levels in school were dwindling rapidly. Not fully understanding the severity of the athletics/academics combination and how it could help further your education, he chose to neglect these shortcomings and chose to just focus on sports and his newly found social life. Needless to say, he wasn't able to attend any of the top colleges and universities that had been heavily recruiting him ever since he was a junior in high school. Disappointed, he decided to return to his home country to solidify his academics and re-connect with his childhood friends and relatives who he hadn't seen in years. He attended Princes Town Senior Comprehensive School to complete advanced courses that would help him secure a full scholarship to an American College or University. He successfully completed these courses but also, as a bonus, captained his school's soccer team to two consecutive championship seasons. In the year 2000, Andre Marshall received a full scholarship to attend Kean University in Union NJ. Throughout his college career, Mayja excelled in both soccer and academics and was able to earn all American honors in both. He was a model student and by his junior year was considered to be one of the "big men on campus". He held positions in Residence Life, The University Center and his fraternity Psi Sigma Phi, a multicultural organization created to mold young men of different cultures and create bonds that would last forever. Also during his junior year, Mayja invested in home studio equipment from guitar center and set up a recording studio in his dorm room in sozio hall. He started writing and recording songs mainly about the struggles of being a student and dreams of a better life. That spring break he took a trip to Tampa Florida with his best friend Danny Roman and got a chance to record a song at a professional recording studio. In hindsight, this may have fueled an already burning desire within him to be a professional recording artist. Mayja has stated that getting a little taste on that day was the main reason he was able to start focusing on his musical endeavours 100%. He began entering contests and showcases and also sending his songs to different labels and A and R's for feedback. In 2008 Mayja turned heads at the Music Megastar Showcase which was put on by Def Jam Recordings and Voicez Music Group. They were very interested in him as an artist and a writer and one member of the judges panel even convinced him to change his artist name to Megastar, taking the name from the name of the showcase. Problems with finances and a lack of vision caused the deal to fall through, and even though it was disappointing for him, mayja kept his determination level high and continued to push forward. Also in 2008 Mayja was involved in a Tribute to Sean Bell show. A concert held

in honor of the tragedy that happened to the young African American man in 2006. Bell's family was represented at the event and proceeds went directly to a foundation created on Bell's behalf. Mayja toured the east coast with reggae artists Isasha, Natural Black and other upcoming reggae artists later that same year where he performed alongside Isasha, his first cousin. Since then, Mayja has done many performances, both small and major events trying to spread his style of music to as many ears as possible. In the summer of 2012 through a ton of hard work and dedication and most importantly the grace of God, He was signed to Empak Music Group, which is part of a major financial corporation, Empak Corp. Since then, he has hit the ground running, creating a name for himself as a prolific writer and performer and also as a person completely dedicated to the culture. Mayja's style of music which he chooses to refer to as fusion music is very rhythmic and uplifting. His quote was that "If you have feet, I'ma make you dance", and he plans on doing that for years to come. Majya have been on Flo Empire Radio a internet radio, in New York City with radio host personality Ghattoman After Dark., DJ Skeem on StreetD Radio, and Synergy Radio with radio host personality Tawana Black Butterfly and MoeDon.

April 29,, 2013 Mayja and Knoc-turnal will be getting together to do a song. Knoc-Turnal performed with Dr Dre and Snoop Dogg and song many more. Oct 20, 2013 Mayja and Knoc-turnal will be releasing their song.

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