



ROB PROPHET

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So many people confuse Rob Prophet to be a South African but the answer is no.

Rob Prophet is a South Africa based, International recording and performing artist. He is Originally from Uganda and a proud Ganda. Born in a family of five, one sister and four brothers, Rob is the last born. His parents are the late, Ben Kanoonya and Sylvia Kanoonya, from Gombe Wakiso District 17 kilometres, from capital Kampala.

He started his music career at the Roman Catholic Missionary school, found in the eastern part of Uganda at the age of 7. He played a role as a brass band commander, and conductor in the pupil's brass band, which was found and funded by the missionary white priests from the Netherlands.

Rob Prophet is a Roots Rock N Roll Reggae live performing, and recording music artist, who sings along with his 13, 11, 10, 9 and 8-piece backup band, Black Prophets Music Band.

His birth names are Robert Kanoonya, whereby Robert is a Christian name and Kanoonya is the Family name. He is called a Prophet because he dreams his music, wakes up late night to compose, write and arrange.

The band name Black Prophets Music came after serious, brainstorming among the musicians including Rob. "Since all band members are blacks, and what Rob dreams about is prophesy, then we are Black Prophets Music Band".



Rob Started composing and playing music instruments e.g. trumpets, side drums, trombones, rhythm guitars and keyboards at the early age of 9. While at school, music lessons were compulsory hence exploiting written and practical music.

At the age of 9, he started composing and singing, before the church congregation and joined church choir. At the age of 16, with such musical experience at hand, Rob had the opportunity to perform along so many jazz and brass bands in capital Kampala.

Bands like Sky waves, Bantu's band, Afirena, Elly Wamala, Outspan, Sunrise and Omega bands to mention but a few.

It should also be clearly understood that, after serious rehearsals and performances with these bands, Kanoonya developed an idea of becoming a Reggae super star. He bought so many collections of Lucky Dube, Peter Tosh, Alpha Blondy and Bob Marley.

Rob also used to play his mentor's, songs live in the bands daily performances. He also released a Reggae Album **Justice** at the age of 17 which never worked out because it was in English. Yet the local population wanted Ganda albums.

He used his earnings to pay school fees, transport to school and rent for his apartment. As his family never welcomed him late night, from the late daily performances.

He talks about his mentors to be Lucky Dube, Peter Tosh, Bob Marley and Alpha Blondy. Rob Prophet is produced by legendary Thuthukani Cele, sound engineered by Dave Segal from Forest Studios.

The Prophet composes, pre-produces, writes, arranges and performs his music along with his Prophets Music Band.

In 2006 Kanoonya wanted to start professional recording and touring. This is when he came up with an idea, of starting his own Record Label and a backup band. This saw the birth of Black Prophets Music band and Black Prophets Music records.

However, due to insufficient funds to start a record label, Rob engaged Richard Siluma Lucky Dube's cousin, who signed him into Gallo record company, hence dropping his first albums Jenifer and Holiday of Love.

Rob was not so happy with the returns and marketing of the albums, hence after recording in 2012 We Need Love, he decided that his Record Label should handle all the future releases.

Rob Prophet together with the Prophet Music Band, have released five albums at their credit, albums like, Jenifer (May 2009), Holiday of Love (September 2009), We Need Love (August 2013), Sabbathath (March 2017) and Billionaire (December 2018).

All the compositions are originally written, arranged, pre-produced by Robert Kanoonya performed by Rob Prophet and The Prophets Music Band.

Robert Kanoonya is an official member of SAMRO, SAMPRA and Capasso the South Africa Music Rights Organizations.

For more questions about The Prophet, his roots and music contact us anytime.

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