

# Empowering Youth to a better Future

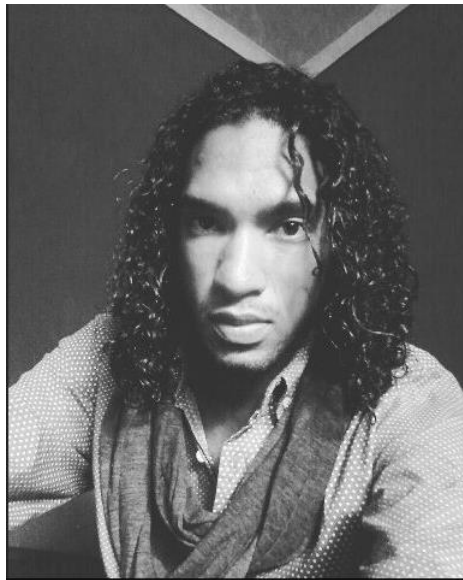


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**Age:** 21

**Year of graduation from the Rainbow Academy:** 2010

**A.K.A (Also known as):** Dom



**Current Job or Studies:**

MUSIC AND FREELANCING and studying at Stellenbosch University

**What have you been busy with, any exciting projects or work since graduating from The Rainbow Academy in 2010?** I've been mostly performing and working part-time and I have had the opportunity to play and perform with many well-known musicians.

**What inspires you? What do you love and why do you do what you do?**

The one thing that that inspires me is when I see other musicians being very successful in their line of work and just seeing that inspires me to reach for the stars. I love being around people and I love being able to make a positive impact in the lives of the people that hear my music. The reason why I do what I do is because my passion for what I do is overwhelming.

**Name a few career, performance, shows or personal high-lights since then:**

One Of my major highlights was being part of the Rainbow Show and also being part of the Bonyi International Youth Festival in Brisbane Australia.

**Did your time at The Academy help you to prepare for the real world out-there? What lessons, if any, did you learn?**

My time at the academy prepared me so much for the world out there basically showed me that nothing comes easy in life everything is paid off through hard work and the perfect example would be my classical exam, I had a limited amount of time but with all that time sacrificed in practicing for the exam I passed it with amazingly high grades.



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## Are you still in contact with your friends and Class of 2010?

I am still very much in contact with the 2010 class and we always try and make time to hang out with each other even though we have our own line of work to go to.

## Any good memories, challenges, funny moments? Any fears or obstacles you overcame, Were you inspired in any way?

There were a lot of fun filled moments and also real hard working times and I'll never forget how much I needed to prep and dedicate for my classical exam which had cost me a lot of hard work but in the end I overcame it with much positivity.

## Anything about Ubuntu or The Cape Town Show? Has understanding our history and heritage played a positive role in your business or career life?

The Cape Town Show to me was the show that taught me so much about my historical background and how things came into being the way they are today and also through reaching the historical events was a real eye opener.

## What are your dreams, future plans? How do you see your contribution or role in building S.A and helping to solve so many social issues: Abuse, Drugs, Poverty, Lack of education, unemployment?

My ultimate dream is to travel the world and take to the world what they do not know about South Africa and coming back and giving back to my community through teaching or any form of empowerment that would inspire the next person to follow their dream just like I am following my dream.

