[Template:Pp-blp](/wiki/Template:Pp-blp" \o "Template:Pp-blp) [Template:Infobox musical artist](/wiki/Template:Infobox_musical_artist) **Sidney Royel Selby III** (born May 3, 1997), better known by his [stage name](/wiki/Stage_name) **Desiigner**, is an American [hip hop](/wiki/Hip_hop_music) [recording artist](/wiki/Recording_artist) from [Brooklyn, New York](/wiki/Brooklyn,_New_York). He rose to prominence when his debut single "[Panda](/wiki/Panda_(song))", reached number one on the US [*Billboard* Hot 100](/wiki/Billboard_Hot_100) chart. In February 2016, fellow American [rapper](/wiki/Rapping) [Kanye West](/wiki/Kanye_West) (who [sampled](/wiki/Sampling_(music)) "Panda" for his seventh album [*The Life of Pablo*](/wiki/The_Life_of_Pablo)), announced Desiigner's signing to his [GOOD Music](/wiki/GOOD_Music) imprint, under the aegis of [Def Jam Recordings](/wiki/Def_Jam_Recordings).

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## Early life[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

Sidney Royel Selby III was born on May 3, 1997,[[1]](#cite_note-1) in the [Bedford–Stuyvesant neighborhood](/wiki/Bedford–Stuyvesant,_Brooklyn) of [Brooklyn, New York](/wiki/Brooklyn,_New_York).[[2]](#cite_note-2)[[3]](#cite_note-3) He began practicing [vocals](/wiki/Vocal) in the school [choir](/wiki/Choir) and at [church](/wiki/Church_(building)). After getting shot at the age of 14, he began to embark on a music career and dropped out of high school.[[4]](#cite_note-4)[[5]](#cite_note-5)

## Career[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

Desiigner embarked on his [rapping](/wiki/Rapping) career under his original [moniker](/wiki/Moniker) Dezolo.[[6]](#cite_note-6) He later began working on his tracks under the alias of Designer Royel, as Royel is his middle name. It was his sister who convinced him to drop the middle name and add the extra I. Under his new [pseudonym](/wiki/Pseudonym), Desiigner released his official debut track, produced by The Shell God and titled "Zombie Walk", on December 3, 2015.[[7]](#cite_note-7) On December 15, 2015, his commercial debut [single](/wiki/Single_(music)), titled "[Panda](/wiki/Panda_(song))", was released on [YouTube](/wiki/YouTube) and SoundCloud,[[8]](#cite_note-8) and on iTunes just five days later before being re-released in February 2016.[[9]](#cite_note-9) On February 11, 2016, Desiigner signed a [recording contract](/wiki/Recording_contract) to [GOOD Music](/wiki/GOOD_Music), under the aegis of [Def Jam Recordings](/wiki/Def_Jam_Recordings).[[10]](#cite_note-10) After signing a record deal, Desiigner was subsequently featured on the two tracks, "Pt. 2" (which features an [interpolation](/wiki/Interpolation_(music)) of "Panda") and "Freestyle 4" performed by [Kanye West](/wiki/Kanye_West). These two tracks were included on West's seventh album [*The Life of Pablo*](/wiki/The_Life_of_Pablo). Desiigner later performed his newest song, "Pluto", at the [2016's South by Southwest](/wiki/South_by_Southwest) (SXSW) music festival. In an interview with [*Billboard*](/wiki/Billboard_(magazine)), Desiigner confirmed the release of his upcoming [trap](/wiki/Trap_music) [mixtape](/wiki/Mixtape), titled *Trap History Month*.[[11]](#cite_note-11) On May 5, 2016, American [record producer](/wiki/Record_producer) [Mike Dean](/wiki/Mike_Dean_(record_producer)), announced that he would be executive producing Desiigner's debut [studio album](/wiki/Studio_album).[[12]](#cite_note-12) On May 24, 2016, Desiigner announced the title of his debut album to be *The Life of Desiigner*.[[13]](#cite_note-13) In June, [*XXL* magazine](/wiki/XXL_(magazine)) revealed their annual "Freshmen Class" for 2016, which included Desiigner, along with [Anderson .Paak](/wiki/Anderson_.Paak), [21 Savage](/wiki/21_Savage), [Kodak Black](/wiki/Kodak_Black), [Lil Uzi Vert](/wiki/Lil_Uzi_Vert), [Lil Dicky](/wiki/Lil_Dicky), [Dave East](/wiki/Dave_East), [Denzel Curry](/wiki/Denzel_Curry), [G Herbo](/wiki/G_Herbo) and [Lil Yachty](/wiki/Lil_Yachty).[[14]](#cite_note-14) In June, Desiigner made his US television debut, when he performed his [hit single](/wiki/Hit_single) "Panda", at the [2016 BET Awards](/wiki/BET_Awards_2016).[[15]](#cite_note-15) In late June 2016, his XXL Freshman Freestyle "Timmy Turner" went [viral](/wiki/Viral_video) on the internet.

On June 26, 2016, Desiigner released his first full-length project, a [mixtape](/wiki/Mixtape) titled [*New English*](/wiki/New_English_(mixtape)), on [Tidal](/wiki/Tidal_(service)), following a live premiere of the mixtape on June 22.[[16]](#cite_note-16)[[17]](#cite_note-17)

## Musical style[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

Desiigner's musical style is influenced by [southern hip hop](/wiki/Southern_hip_hop), namely [trap music](/wiki/Trap_music), which originated in [Atlanta, Georgia](/wiki/Atlanta,_Georgia).[[11]](#cite_note-11) His [rapping](/wiki/Rapping) technique and vocals have been compared to that of Atlanta-based rapper [Future](/wiki/Future_(rapper)). When asked about the frequent comparisons, he told [*Complex*](/wiki/Complex_(magazine)): "God gave him a blessing, but he gave me a blessing too. I ain't gonna doubt the man's music. He make beautiful music too. Music is made every day. Big ups to him, big ups to Future. I actually like Future's music. I like his music, you feel me. I’m not a hater or a critic on him, you know, I do me. God bless him, God bless me. But don't get mad because I took a style and made it better than his. Technically, we all out here trying to get money. Do you. Not to sound funny but maybe one day that man could learn something from me-feel me?"[[18]](#cite_note-18)

## Discography[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

### Studio albums[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

* *The Life of Desiigner* (2016)[[19]](#cite_note-19)

### Mixtapes[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

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| List of albums, with selected details | |
| **Title** | **Album details** |
| [***New English***](/wiki/New_English_(mixtape)) | * Released: June 26, 2016[[20]](#cite_note-20)\* Format: [Streaming audio](/wiki/Streaming_media) * Label: [GOOD](/wiki/GOOD_Music), [Def Jam](/wiki/Def_Jam_Recordings) |
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As lead artist

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| List of singles as lead artist, with selected chart positions, showing year released and album name | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Title** | **Year** | **Peak chart positions** | | | | | | | | | | **Certifications** | **Album:** |
| [**US**](/wiki/Billboard_Hot_100)[**[21]**](#cite_note-21) | [**US R&B**](/wiki/Hot_R&B/Hip-Hop_Songs)[**[22]**](#cite_note-22) | [**US Rap**](/wiki/Hot_Rap_Songs)[**[23]**](#cite_note-23) | [**AUS**](/wiki/ARIA_Charts)[**[24]**](#cite_note-24) | [**CAN**](/wiki/Canadian_Hot_100)[**[25]**](#cite_note-25) | [**DEN**](/wiki/Tracklisten)[**[26]**](#cite_note-26) | [**FRA**](/wiki/Syndicat_National_de_l'Édition_Phonographique)[**[27]**](#cite_note-27) | [**NZ**](/wiki/Official_New_Zealand_Music_Chart)[**[28]**](#cite_note-28) | [**SWE**](/wiki/Sverigetopplistan)[**[29]**](#cite_note-29) | [**UK**](/wiki/UK_Singles_Chart)[**[30]**](#cite_note-30) |
| **"**[**Panda**](/wiki/Panda_(song))**"** | 2015 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 [[31]](#cite_note-31) | 4 | 10 | 19 | 4 | 11 | 7 | \* [RIAA](/wiki/Recording_Industry_of_America): Platinum[[32]](#cite_note-32)\* [ARIA](/wiki/Australian_Recording_Industry_Association): Platinum[[33]](#cite_note-33)\* [BPI](/wiki/British_Phonographic_Industry): Silver[[34]](#cite_note-34)\* [GFL](/wiki/Swedish_Recording_Industry_Association): Platinum[[35]](#cite_note-35)\* [IFPI DEN](/wiki/IFPI_Denmark): Gold[[36]](#cite_note-36)\* [MC](/wiki/Music_Canada): Platinum[[37]](#cite_note-37)\* [RMNZ](/wiki/Recorded_Music_NZ): Platinum[[38]](#cite_note-38) | *New English* |
| **"**[**Champions**](/wiki/Champions_(Kanye_West_song))**" (with** [**Kanye West**](/wiki/Kanye_West)**,** [**Gucci Mane**](/wiki/Gucci_Mane)**,** [**Big Sean**](/wiki/Big_Sean)**,** [**2 Chainz**](/wiki/2_Chainz)**,** [**Travis Scott**](/wiki/Travis_Scott)**,** [**Yo Gotti**](/wiki/Yo_Gotti) **and** [**Quavo**](/wiki/Migos)**)**[**[39]**](#cite_note-39) | 2016 | 71 | 22 | 15 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 128 |  | [*Cruel Winter*](/wiki/Cruel_Winter) |

As featured artist

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| List of singles as a featured artist, showing year released and album name | | |
| **Title** | **Year** | **Album** |
| **"Strapped & Ready"** [**Template:Small**](/wiki/Template:Small)[**[40]**](#cite_note-40) | 2016 | [Template:N/a](/wiki/Template:N/a) |
| **"Finesse"** [**Template:Small**](/wiki/Template:Small)[**[41]**](#cite_note-41) | *The Kitchen* |
| **"On the Low"** [**Template:Small**](/wiki/Template:Small)[**[42]**](#cite_note-42) | rowspan="2" [Template:N/a](/wiki/Template:N/a) |
| **"Danny DeVito"** [**Template:Small**](/wiki/Template:Small)[**[43]**](#cite_note-43) |  |
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### Guest appearances[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

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| List of non-single guest appearances, with other performing artists, showing year released and album name | | | |
| **Title** | **Year** | **Other artist(s)** | **Album** |
| **"**[**Pt. 2**](/wiki/Pt._2)**"** | 2016 | [Kanye West](/wiki/Kanye_West) | [*The Life of Pablo*](/wiki/The_Life_of_Pablo) |
| **"Freestyle 4"** |
| **"Back in My Ways"** | Young King & Mekado | [Template:N/A](/wiki/Template:N/A) |
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