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ABOUT

Born Edwin Paapa hMensa, Paapa Versa is a versatile Ghanaian singer-songwriter and producer. He has received much attention and respect for his empathetic and broad music style since his debut.

The lead single **“Write for Me”** off his sophomore album **Songs for Kukua** received massive airplay and critical acclaim, locally and internationally. In 2021, he changed his stage name from **Paapa** to **Paapa Versa**, with the **Versa** as an abbreviation of **versatile**.

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BEGINNING

Born with a terrible stutter, music was Paapa's refuge and communication method. He started his music career at **age 17** when he joined a hip-hop group, **Skillions New Generation**, formed by legendary music producer **Jayso**.

When he decided to start his solo career, he produced his album under **Skillions Records**. **"Write for Me"** and his entire second album were written as a tribute when he left Ghana to further his education. Paapa has a **Bachelor's degree in Economics** and a **Master's in Finance**.

INFLUENCES & ARTISTRY

Paapa Versa's unique style is a result of all his musical influences, which include Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, Agya Koo Nimo, Osibisa, Asa, Kirk Franklin, PJ Morton, Jon Bellion, and Lecrae. This is especially noted in the sincere, thoughtful manner he expresses his lyrics.

As a gifted multi-instrumentalist, Paapa can play most instruments but is well-versed in the piano, guitars, drum kit, percussion instruments. His genre-bending music is often labelled as eclectic, insightful, uplifting and more. Paapa's greatest wish is to inspire people everywhere to live their most fulfilled lives.





PLAYLISTS & SINGLES

Playlists

- ▶ This is Paapa (Spotify)
- ▶ Intro To Paapa Versa (Spotify)

Singles

- ▶ INTRO
- ▶ Call You Mine
- ▶ Old Wineskins
- ▶ Lights Go Dim



EPS & ALBUMS

- ▶ Solar
- ▶ Songs For Kukua
- ▶ Technical Difficulties, Vol. 1
- ▶ Technical Difficulties, Vol. 2
- ▶ Technical Difficulties, Vol. 3
- ▶ Versa Villa



COLLABORATIONS

- ▶ 2023 "Lights Go Dim" ft. **Koo Kusi**
- ▶ 2023 "Versa Villain" ft. **Kojo Cue**
- ▶ 2023 "Okada" ft. **E.L**
- ▶ 2018 "Away Away" ft. **Efya**
- ▶ 2017 "Infront of You" ft. **Adomaa**
- ▶ 2011 "Dear Grace" ft. **Ria Boss**
- ▶ 2011 "Full of emptiness" ft. **Nana Benyin**
- ▶ 2011 "Solar" ft. **Jayso, Voyager X**



FEATURED ARTISTES

- ▶ "New Generation Mixtape" by **Skillions (2009)**
- ▶ "Right Here" by **M.anifest (2013)**
- ▶ "Ozymandias" by **M.anifest (2016)**
- ▶ "Lego" by **Jitter Mike (2022)**
- ▶ "Yesterday's Fears" by **Makumbi Muleba (2023)**

Additional Vocals

- ▶ "Mind Games" by **M.anifest (2013)**



PRODUCTIONS

"Sunshine"

Jayso ft. TiTi Owusu, Kobi Onyame, Otipella

"Shepherd's Pie"

Sway ft. Gyedu-Blay Ambolley

"Lego"

Jitter Mike (2022)



SHOWS

- ▶ 29th Jul. 2012 | A Solar Experience
- ▶ 5th Jan. 2013 | Paapa's Family Reunion
- ▶ 3rd Aug. 2013 | Songs For Kukua Decoded
- ▶ 24th Feb. 2019 | Paapa One Night Only
- ▶ 9th Jan. 2022 | Paapa's Family Reunion
- ▶ 17th Feb. 2023 | Versa Villa Album Launch and Concert



NOMINATIONS

- ▶ **2021** **Best Alternative Song**
(3Music Awards)
- ▶ **2013** **Alternative Song of The Year**
(Ghana Music Awards)
- ▶ **2021** **Discovery of The Year**
(Africa Gospel Music Awards)



MEDIA

- ▶ 2023 GQ South Africa (March 2023)
- ▶ 2023 Lambo Xtra (April 2023)
- ▶ 2023 FabAfric Magazine (April 2023)

SOCIAL MEDIA



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