

# iNDIGO iNSPIRES

Multi-talented artist, singer, songwriter and producer iNDIGO has more experience in the music industry than many new artists can dream of. She was on the cusp of making it big in mainstream music, but God had a plan for her to sing His praises. iNDIGO is prepping a new music project, filled with inspiration and hope. Not your typical Christian artist, she's more comfortable singing in a coffeehouse than a church house, but the goal is the same: to bring those who hear her voice, closer to Jesus.

Like many successful singers, iNDIGO honed her pipes in church. Growing up in a Christian home, she was never far from the church doors. A shy kid, she shunned the spotlight but was continually called upon to sing. She performed her first church solo at the age of five. Eventually, her confidence grew and she began to enjoy singing. But as with many young talented singers, she strayed from the church for a time.

Following her dreams, she became a member of an up-and-coming girl group called 4BIDN. There was much promise with the four-member group and iNDIGO was given opportunities to open for renowned artists; including Destiny's Child, Mya, Musiq Soulchild, and Ashanti; as well as work with famous producers, including Warrryn Campbell & Missy Elliot. The group caught the attention of famed music Exec Sylvia Rhone, who ultimately signed the ensemble to a recording contract. iNDIGO wrote group songs and took on the role of Vocal Producer as well. Things were looking promising for them. However, 4BIDN was dropped from Elektra Entertainment Group, before the album was released. The group split, but that didn't stop iNDIGO from pursuing a solo career. She always felt called to do music.

"After high school, I graduated and went to college, because that's what I believed you're supposed to do. Although I got a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, that wasn't my passion. My passion has always been music." She shares. "So although we disbanded, it was never my intention to walk away from music."

Soon after, she began working with artist-turned-Producer, Kwame' (LL Cool J, Mary J. Blige, Pussycat Dolls, Keyshia Cole, Raheem DeVaughn) and started writing for some of the artists he was working with. With no major song placements taking place, Kwame encouraged iNDIGO to pen her own R&B album. Although she was supposed to be writing for an urban audience, she noticed many of her songs had a *spiritual* slant.

That realization was the beginning of a spiritual renewal for iNDIGO. She went back to church and gave her life to Christ in 2006. She realized that she needed to give her musical gift back to God. In 2007, she started work on her Gospel CD which would eventually become "The iNDI1st Project – Breakthrough". The project netted the single "Search My Heart" and the concept video enjoyed airplay on BET's Video Gospel and the Gospel Music Channel. On GospelTube, the video received over half a million views. The success of the music video

garnered attention and ministry opportunities started opening up for her. She opened up for award-winning artists such as Trin-i-tee 5:7, Mary Mary, and did studio work with Isaiah Thomas.

Between 2011 and 2013, she took a break from being an artist and focused on singing professionally with agency bands. With those bands, she toured overseas for months, honing her vocal and performance skills. Since then, God placed a follow-up project in her spirit. She's in the midst of finishing the album, and its first single is the declarative track, *It's God*. "*It's God* is a song about how God's power is unmistakable. Any time you mistake His works for good luck or karma, God has a way of showing us that it's Him. He has no problem showing us that He's sovereign and that it's He who blesses us."

The new album will be a groundbreaking one for iNDIGO; a departure from the sound of her debut project. She sees it as an eclectic mix. "The single is melodic yet edgy and catchy. The album overall is turning out to be a nice blend. It's the consciousness of neo-soul, the energy of hip hop and the soul of R&B," she explains. In the forthcoming release, all of her musical influences are rolled into one enriching, sonic experience.

iNDIGO is passionate about God, singing, songwriting, vocal producing/coaching for herself and others, and inspiring her music peers that it is possible to make a living within your passion. That is one of the reasons that her music stretches outside the walls of the church. She shares, "I just love people and exposing them to God's love through music. Dope songs and a genuine relationship with God transcends trivial things. That's what I'm all about!"