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## Buffalo Souljah

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**Buffalo Souljah** is an award winning Zimbabwean born dancehall musician based in South Africa. He has been acknowledged both locally and Africa-wide with awards that sets him apart from a number of local [Zimdancehall](#) artists.

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Born

Thabani Ndlovu

(1980-09-19) September 19, 1980 (age 38)

[Bulawayo, Zimbabwe](#)  
[South Africa](#)

Residence

Occupation

- Musician
- Songwriter

Known for

Parent(s)

Dancehall Music

[Unity Ndlovu](#) (father)

## Background

Born [Thabani Ndlovu](#) in [Bulawayo](#) on 16 September 1980, but later moved to [Mufakose, Harare](#).<sup>[1]</sup> He is

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the son of the late great Zimbabwean saxophonist [Unity Ndlovu](#) (who played alongside [Thomas Mapfumo](#) in the 70's and early 80's), drawing a lot of inspiration from his father, and concentrating on his music after his father's passing in 1992.

He is also referred to as [Bigg Buff](#) as well as a different spelling of his name, [Buffalo Soldier](#).

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## Music career

Buffalo Souljah started writing music young, composing “Zuva Randisingakanganwe” (“The day I will never forget”) his first song at eight years. Starting his first group " [Intelligent Racuss Cruuks](#)" in 1996, the group included [David Zulu](#) aka [Deva Soul](#), [Stewart Chamirai](#) aka [Jon Doe](#) and himself, formerly known as [ULD](#) a/k/a [Prettybway](#). Together they released three afro hip-hop albums, a mix of traditional music called jiti and hip-hop which involved a hip-hop drum and bass sequence incorporated with the Zimbabwean instrument [Mbira](#).

In 1999 he Relocated to Johannesburg, South Africa, working with several SA artists, and eventually teaming up with Ghanaian artists Kweku and Turas and Papszido from Soweto to form [Da Appostles](#), releasing an album titled "The Chosen Ones".

Bigg Buff also recorded an Afro Jazz album called "Indlovu Yangena" on Good Times Records, working closely with Mzilikazi Wa Afrika.

In 2008 he released a hit dancehall single "Bubble Ya Bums" for his debut album winning two Channel O Spirit Of Africa Awards in the categories "Best Newcomer" and "Best Dancehall/Ragga".<sup>[2]</sup>

Buffalo Soldier has worked with Tembi Seete as well as Big Brother Africa housemate Hanni from Ethiopia among other artists. He also worked with an Angolan singer Cabo Snoop on a song called "Styra Inonyengesa".<sup>[3]</sup>

## Awards

1. Channel O - Most Gifted Dancehall Award (3 times)
2. Channel O - Best Dancehall Video 2008
3. Channel O - Best Newcomer Award
4. [Zimdancehall 2014](#) - Best Artist Diaspora

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