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## Winky D

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**Winky D** is an award-winning [Zimbabwe Dancehall](#) artist popularly known as the Ninja President for his poverty biting and poverty protesting lyrics.<sup>[1]</sup> He is also well known for his energetic live performances which have seen him performing in numerous countries around the world.

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### Background information

Native name

Wallace Chirumiko

Born

(1983-02-01) February 1, 1983 (age 35)

[Genres](#)

[Zimdancehall](#)

Occupation(s)

Zimdancehall Artist, Songwriter

Years active

1999 to present

Website

[winkydonline.com](http://winkydonline.com)

## Background

He was born **Wallace Chirumiko** on the 1 February 1983 in [Harare](#)'s [Kambuzuma](#) suburb<sup>[2]</sup>. Winky D is married and has managed to keep his personal life to himself.

## Education

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He went to [Rukudzo Primary School](#) and later [Kambuzuma High 1 School](#).<sup>[3]</sup> His young brother is Trevor Chirumiko who is affectionately known as [Layan](#) who is a producer and presenter.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Early life

Winky D, became interested in music when he was 8 and took pleasure in collecting reggae audio tapes and vinyls.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Early career

When he was 16, he performed at the Ghetto Lane Clashes which were DJ battles meant to showcase the best emerging talent. He instantly made fans as he continued participating in similar platforms. It was from these shows where he earned the name 'Wicked Deejay' which was shortened to Winky D for his powerful lyrics.<sup>[5]</sup> When he started recording, his music had explicit lyrics and extolled violence, gangsterism, and promiscuity. He however changed and started singing gospel music from 2013, and songs urging youths to shun using drugs.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Discography

### Albums

- [Gombwe 2018](#)

1. Robots
2. Highway Code
3. City Life
4. Onaiwo
5. Ngirozi ft Vabati VaJehovha
6. Gombwe
7. Bho Yangu
8. Simba
9. Dona
10. Finhu Finhu
11. Hatiperekedzane
12. I'm Hot
13. My Woman

- **Gafa Futi (2016) Produced by [Oskid](#)**

1. Happiest Man
2. Bob Marley
3. Gafa Party(Toi Toi)
4. Extraterrestrial

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5. Twenty Five
6. Panorwadza Moyo
7. Karma
8. Photo Life
9. Hooray
10. Bhebhi raMwari
11. Mwendamberi
12. Daddy

- **Gafa Life Kickstape (2015) Produced by [Oskid](#)**

1. Gafa Life
2. Mirror
3. Woshora
4. Idya Mari
5. Ngoma Futi
6. Survivor (feat. Shinsoman)
7. Copyrights
8. Holiday (feat. Guspy Warrior)
9. Disappear
10. Not Nice

- **Igofigo 'the Unthinkable' (October 2010)**

- **Twenty Eleven Singles Compilation (April 2011)**

- **Pakitchen (November 2011)**

- **Life Yangu (October 2012)**

- **Say No Single**

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Having been born in the ghetto, his music speaks about the everyday struggles of a ghetto child. He devoted his music to poor people's trials and tribulations and pursuit of happiness.<sup>[8]</sup>

In February 2015, he unleashed his 2015's theme which is based on releasing singles.<sup>[9]</sup> He however faced numerous set-backs when he was deserted by some of his band members.<sup>[10]</sup> He outclassed his arch rival,

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[Seh Calaz](#) at the [Harare International Carnival](#)'s Zimdancehall night which was held in the [Harare Gardens](#) in May 2014.<sup>[11]</sup>

## Success

Winky D has been celebrated by many young [Zimdancehall](#) artists for being one of the pioneers of the genre in the country. He is also one of the long-serving musicians in the industry with more than a decade of experience, He has also performed in different continents such as Europe and the Americas.

## Disappear Success (Gafa Life 2015)

In 2015, Winky D's fame soared with the release of the album Gafa Life which featured the song *Disappear*. The album was produced by new producer at the time [Oskid](#). The song topped the charts in Zimbabwe and was also in the BBC Radio 1 Extra Destination Africa Top 5.<sup>[12]</sup> The song won both the [NAMA](#) 2016 Best song of year and [Zimdancehall Awards 2016](#) Song of the year awards.

The song spurred a lot of cover versions on the internet by fans<sup>[13]</sup> as well as other artists like [Tariro neGitare](#).<sup>[14]</sup>

## Gafa Life Songs

- Woshora
- Gafa Life
- Disappear
- Survivor (feat [Shinsoman](#))

## Awards

- [NAMA](#) 2016 Best Song of Year for *Disappear*
- [Zimdancehall Awards 2016](#) Song of the year for *Disappear*
- 2014 Zimdancehall Awards for the song *Rokesheni*.
- [NAMA](#) for the album *Igofigo* and People's Choice Award in 2010
- 2013 Zim Dancehall awards for:
  - Best video-Vashakabvu
  - Best Social Message-Mafirakureva
  - Best Live Performer
  - Best Artist and the Best Artist Manager-Banda.<sup>[15]</sup>

## 2015 Zimdancehall Awards for

- Best Dressed Artist
- Honorary Award
- Best Live Performer Award
- Best Artist Manager Award<sup>[16]</sup>

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## Endorsements

Winky was endorsed to be the goodwill ambassador of the [PSI Zimbabwe](#) in the male circumcision campaign in 2011. He has appeared on various television commercials and on radio stations campaigning for male circumcision as part of the organization's agenda to reduce HIV and AIDS.

## Winky D's Videos

## Controversies

It was allegedly reported that he was snubbing his circumcision shows on behalf of PSI on the basis that he was partnered by his 'arch rival', Jah Prayzah.<sup>[17]</sup> Jah Prayzah however dispelled this. It was reported that Winky D has been driving for years without a driver's license dodging members of the [Zimbabwe Republic Police](#), Traffic Section. On 16 January 2015, his instructor confirmed that Winky D was issued a class 4 drivers license in Chinhoyi.<sup>[18]</sup>

## Gombwe Album launch

The Gombwe Album took a different style to what the fans were used to. Winky D and team after extensive consultations with various stakeholders decided to launch the album with the fans. The announcement came that the Gombwe Chiextra Album and Birthday Bash were going to happen on the 2nd of February 2018 at the Harare International Conference Centre (HICC) organised by [2 Kings Entertainment](#). “The strongest part of the album is the lyrics and that is why we said let us do it differently this year because we have been launching albums, but they were not of such magnitude,” Winky D said. Details on the contents of the album were held close to the chest until launch day, owing to the secretive nature of the artiste, he promised that it will be historic, as he dishes out “the new order”. On that day, the Gafa tamed the [Harare International Conference Centre](#), with over 6000+ in attendance and others being turned away due to capacity constraints.

## Trivia

Winky D reportedly said he is a fan of Barcelona and Man City fan. When it comes to food he likes vegetables and fish.

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