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Nanaimo-based, Zimbabwe-born hip hop/ Afro-beat/ funk/ retro pop musician  
**ALPHA CENTAURI** releases first single **“I’LL FLY”**  
 on local indie label **ROGUE PLANET**.



**NEW SINGLE**  
**“I’LL Fly”**  
**OUT January 20, 2023**



ALPHA CENTAURI “I’LL Fly”  
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**JANUARY 09, 2023 (Vancouver, BC)** - Recording artist ALPHA CENTAURI has announced that his first single for indie label ROGUE PLANET - the afro-infused hip hop track “I’ll Fly” - will be released on January 20th, 2023 across all streaming and download platforms internationally .

A preview of the FULL VERSION of the song can be found here:  
**Soundcloud:** <https://on.soundcloud.com/CBnT1>  
**Google Drive:** <https://tinyurl.com/ne3wurm4>

“I’ll Fly” is the first of eight singles already recorded and due for release over the next 14 months - leading up to the release of ALPHA CENTAURI’s debut professional album (scheduled for March 2024).

“I’ll Fly” is an organic mix of afro-beat and hip hop. It was recorded using a real band (no samples or “beats” used). The song was produced by internationally renowned record producer Wes Smith - who also owns the ROGUE PLANET label.

Edmonton-based, Zimbabwe-born singer Aurah Ariko provides back-up vocals on this track.

ALPHA’s remarks: ““I’ll Fly” is a statement about rejecting the limitations that other people place on you and its a warning to the young and ambitious not to overestimate themselves and to take their time. “I’ll Fly” means “ I’m going for my dreams regardless of whether you think I’ll make it.” The vibe is about positive energy with a message. I want you on your feet having a good time while I tell you stories.”

“Part of the chorus is in my native language. Shona as a language comes very easily for me as a bilingual rapper and it makes me unique. If you’re not a Shona speaker I hope it makes you curious and if you are you already know the vibe. Rapping in Shona allows me to stay connected to and represent where I’m originally from ”. Translation is on attached lyric sheet.

The single, released in digital format for streaming and downloads comes with a b-side - an acoustic version of “I’ll Fly” that is stripped down to ALPHA CENTAURI’s lead vocal, Aurah Ariko’s backing vocal, and guitarist Cuyler Biller’s acoustic guitar.

A preview of the ACOUSTIC VERSION can be found here:  
**Soundcloud:** <https://on.soundcloud.com/MaosJ>  
**Google Drive:** <https://tinyurl.com/mr2sfbyc>

Both versions of “I’ll Fly” will be available January 20, 2023:

**Spotify reserve link:** <https://tinyurl.com/27kcen9j>

ALPHA CENTAURI is originally from Zimbabwe and was educated (and later worked) as a lawyer. However, soon after passing the bar and becoming licensed in his homeland, he realized that the legal life was not the right fit for him. He changed gears. He instead got on a plane for Canada with the plan of giving his music career a serious shot.

He made quick use of his new location by releasing a single (with fellow ex-pat Zimbabwean Swisher) about his experience leaving home ("Away" in 2016) which was produced by himself on a 12 year old laptop on his apartment's kitchen table. "Away" was recently placed as the theme to a feature film, EVELYNE, which will be out on streaming platforms in early 2023.

ALPHA then set his sights on getting in front of local live audiences - performing shows with local hip hop artists such as Moka Only, Illvis Freshly, and Sirreal to refine his craft. During this time, ALPHA began a surge of songwriting - which then continued into the COVID lockdowns of early 2020.

ALPHA then caught the ear of record producer / music industry veteran Wes Smith and acclaimed engineer Justin Hicks. Eight-songs were recorded with a full band between January 2022 and October of 2022 - with the first single resulting from these sessions, the afro-beat flavoured "I'll Fly" ,set for release on January 20, 2023 on all streaming platforms - followed by an music video clip shortly thereafter.

ALPHA CENTAURI is planning to release 7 more singles from these sessions over the next 12 months - all with full music video clips. Sessions for 8 more songs will start in early 2023 with Wes Smith again producing and using the same band on the first recordings. ALPHA CENTAURI's first official album will be released in early 2024.

ALPHA CENTAURI is also planning extensive touring, with full band in tow, throughout all of 2023. It's going to be a busy year for him.

**What's Alpha's music like?**

HUGE sing-a-long choruses mixed with tasty slices of Afro-beats, hip-hop, a bit of 90's r&b, a bit of 80's funk, a healthy respect for the sounds of 80's pop, and a thirst to explore new sounds, genres, and arrangements - and pull them in to his signature organic sound and world view.

**Influences include:** Usher, Kendrick Lamar, Timbaland, T Pain, Missy Elliot, Childish Gambino, Scott Storch, The Neptunes, Justin Timberlake, Panic At The Disco, Ja Rule, New Edition, Janet Jackson, Lil Wayne, Blink 182, Linkin Park

**RIYL:** K-OS, The Roots, Kojey Radical, Tehn Diamond, Synik, Little Simz, Busty & The Bass, Wax Taylor, Jurassic 5.



**FULL EPK including photos at**  
**[www.lamAlphaCentauri.com](http://www.lamAlphaCentauri.com)**

**AVAILABLE for INTERVIEWS**

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- television
- print media
- podcasts
- blogs
- tik tok

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# LYRIC SHEET

## ALPHA CENTAURI "I'LL FLY"

If you're here - then it had to be  
I've been clocking in my hours for the mastery  
Come and step into my world - no fantasy  
If you want - you can do a little dance for me  
Before we go so high - no gravity  
If you're hands ain't high - you're a casualty  
You could try - I need fingers in the sky - I'll fly  
Headin' for the top and they wanna know why

Got my hands up high  
Like i never touched sky  
Told me dont try  
I replied "I'll fly"  
Never gonna stop  
Im'ma do it till i die  
If you wanna ride high  
I'll fly I'll fly  
Tirikusimbisa vapfana  
Pese pese mapinda munongokwana  
Hanzvidi zvekumhanya  
Ndati bata mwana tsika banana

What more could you want from me - I gave it all  
I had to pick myself up - they will never see me fall  
Learning that the ground is where you start fore' you get tall  
Life coming full circle - I'm bouncing over walls - okay  
New game old problems - tryna get paid  
Same name new province - finding my way  
I've been grinding through the night - and i won't stop for the day  
Man I think I found a path - I'm walking the way  
Better Put the past behind me - they don't know what to say  
They were stealing from my light - now they know I don't play  
Now I'm walking into sunsets - can't beg me to stay  
I got up high right up from under them - so get outta my way

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Told me don't try  
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Hope and ambition - cookin' dreams in the kitchen  
Tryna focus the vision - they don't see what they missin'  
living day to day - hustling for Steph Curry fadeaways  
Hype it into money - make them fake friends feel away  
Rap is the proof - new school on the come up  
Tighten the noose on my break neck speed run up  
I won't let 'em try and change up what I know I can be  
Facing different doors - I'm the one that's holding the keys  
Lemme' tell you like they told me - man don't sleep on the heat  
Let that little light shine - get 'em off of their seats  
Hands in the sky flying - like we chartered a fleet  
If you feel it like I feel it - then you part of the beat

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Pressures on - I'm holding the ball  
Promised them if I'm gonna do it i will give it my all  
I be textin' late and i stay always missing your calls  
Gotta get my life together- gotta earn your applause  
Money talk the loudest let me raise my voice  
Feel it heavy on my chest - you don't agree with my choice  
I would go back into time to let you know how it feels  
You wouldn't have to learn about me - like our thing wasn't real  
I can't wish I never left - I got moves I can make  
Didn't mean to leave you hanging - but our future's at stake  
Thinkin' about when I'm gonna see you from the moment I wake  
Lemme climb until i find you- give you love for the wait

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Chorus Translation from Shona language (Zimbabwe):

Tirikusimbisa vapfana ("I'm bigging up the youth")  
Pese pese mapinda munongokwana ("Everywhere you go you  
always fit in")  
Hanzvidi zvekumhanya ("You dont need to rush")  
Ndati bata mwana tsika banana ("I'll catch you if you fall")

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Produced by Wes Smith  
Alpha Centauri - vocals, rapper  
Aurah Ariko - Backing vocals  
Cuyler Biller - Guitar  
Jonny Tobin - keys  
Richard Brown - drums  
Jonah Dean - Bass

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# MEDIA REQUEST SHEET

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**THANK YOU** for supporting **ALPHA CENTAURI**  
and the new single "I'll Fly"

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please play "I'll Fly" (either the full version or the acoustic version) on your radio station, podcast, radio show, and/or playlists.

Audio available via earshot!, Soundcloud, or Google Drive.  
(see links at bottom of the page)  
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ALPHA CENTAURI loves interviews. Available by  
• telephone • Zoom • Whats App • Facebook Messenger  
and in person in the Vancouver area or on Vancouver Island

ALPHA CENTAURI can provide STATION ID's, PROGRAM ID's  
or PODCAST ID's  
Just let us know and we'll create something fun!

ALPHA CENTAURI can perform live on air. Just ask!

Do you sponsor live music events or festivals in your community?  
We'd LOVE to participate. ALPHA CENTAURI plays with full band,  
acoustically, or solo. Please get in touch.

Are there any programs, shows, podcasts, or blogs that you think  
might like ALPHA CENTAURI's music? We'd super appreciate  
the referral.

Please join ALPHA CENTAURI's social media feeds and mailing list.  
ALPHA has 7 more incredible singles coming out in the next  
fourteen months. We really appreciate your continuing interest.

Come out to an ALPHA CENTAURI concert. ALPHA's shows are  
dynamic and full of energy. You'll love it. Bring friends!

### AUDIO DOWNLOADS FOR MEDIA

earshot

Full: <https://secure.earshot-distro.ca/release/details/8455>

Acoustic: <https://secure.earshot-distro.ca/release/details/8456>

Google Drive  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8rdaex>

soundcloud

Full: <https://on.soundcloud.com/CBnT1>  
Acoustic: <https://on.soundcloud.com/MaosJ>

### UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

March 6, 2023 Vancouver • Guilt & Co

More concerts pending, TBA shortly . . . . .

ALPHA CENTAURI "I'll Fly"  
out January 20, 2023 on all services  
including

Spotify, Apple Music, Youtube Music, Amazon Music  
DEEZER, iTunes, etc.

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