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## Alpha Centauri | Get Your Money Up: Exclusive Premiere

*The ascendant MC and singer offers another preview of his upcoming debut album.*

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**A**lpha Centauri urges you to *Get Your Money Up* in his infectious and inspirational new single — premiering exclusively on **Tinnitist**.

The second preview of the up-and-coming singer and MC's upcoming debut album, *Get Your Money Up* is a funk-ed-up anthem about making your dreams become a reality — about showing up and putting one foot in front of the other to move forward. "There are a lot of people that do nothing more than brag about their goals and dreams — but 80% of it is fabricated," Alpha says. "This song is about seriously pursuing your dream — whether it's music, the arts, a side hustle, education, or a life goal. Nothing happens unless YOU put the effort into it over the long term. There are no cheat codes to success in the real world."

*Get Your Money Up* is both an optimistic blueprint to following your dreams and a biographic tale of Alpha's own ambition to get to this point in his career. **Alpha Centauri** (real name: **Sean Chigumba**) is originally from Zimbabwe, where he was educated (and later worked) as a lawyer. However, after passing the bar and becoming licensed in his homeland, he realized that the legal life was not for him. He changed gears and got on a plane for Canada with the plan of giving music a serious shot.



Alpha made quick use of his new B.C. home by releasing a single (with fellow ex-pat Zimbabwean **Swisher**) about his experience leaving home (*Away* in 2016), which he self-produced on a 12-year-old laptop on his apartment's kitchen table. *Away* was recently used as the theme to the feature film *Evelyne*, now streaming on the **Roku Channel**.

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**, **Mo Moshiri** (of **Sweatshop Union**) and **Sirreal** to refine his craft. During this time, he also began a surge of songwriting, which continued through the COVID lockdowns of 2020. Eventually, Alpha caught the ear of producer **Wes Smith**

and engineer **Justin Hicks**. Eight songs were recorded with a full band between January and October 2022, with the Afrobeat-tinged first single *I'll Fly* released in January 2023.

**Get Your Money Up** features backing vocals by Zimbabwe singer **Aura Ariko** (now based in Edmonton), **DMC** champion scratch artist **DJ All Good**, Vancouver jazz sax master **Dominic Conway**, and renowned Vancouver reggae/dub/ska musicians **Cuyler Biller** (guitar) and **Richard Brown** (drums) among a handful of musicians playing on the track. Along with the original, there's also a radio version, an acoustic version, and an acoustic radio version.

Check out *Get Your Money Up* above, listen to all the versions below, and find **Alpha Centauri** on his [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [TikTok](#).

