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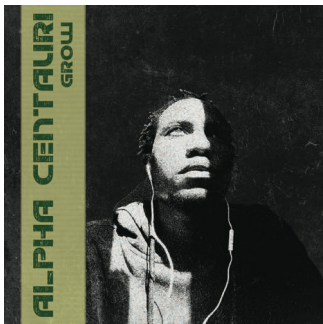
Vancouver/Nanaimo-based, Zimbabwe-born hip-hop/ funk/ r&amp;b/ afrobeat/ retro pop musician

## ALPHA CENTAURI releases 3rd single “Grow”

*from forthcoming debut album*

### NEW SINGLE “Grow”

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ALPHA CENTAURI is proud to release his new single “Grow” from his forthcoming debut album (due summer 2024).

“Grow” is an infectious hip hop/ funk/r&b song with a positive message about moving forward collectively as a society. It also features a rather glorious dual stereo sax solo by Vancouver sax veteran Dominic Conway at the extended outro. Make sure you check that out as well! :-)

“Grow” also features scratching by Canada DMC champion DJ ALLGOOD (Peter Poole).

Other musicians on the song including drummer Richard Brown, guitarist Cuyler Biller, keyboardist Jonny Tobin, trumpet by David Bamford, bass by Jonah Dean, Matthew Campbell Yard on Conga, Ariko Aura on background vocals, and JR ATLAS on backing vocals and hype.

“This is a very personal song for me and follows a similar uplifting theme to other songs in my current collection of songs”, explains ALPHA CENTAURI (real name Sean Chigumba). “The song is about taking action to move forward from whatever your current situation is -and to move on to the next chapter. Something better. That’s how we “grow” as humans and as spiritual entities”.

“For me, the journey and transformation has been extreme. Seven years ago I left my home country, Zimbabwe, even though I had a comfy career position there - to move to Canada and pursue my music and my dreams. The changes were not easy. My family and friends did not approve. I had extreme culture shock moving to North America. I was back to square one. I was starting over, re-inventing myself. My law degree and all of my experiences up to that point were useless and unrecognized now. I had to plant new seeds. I had to grow into something new and different. I had to shape my own destiny.”

“My new song “Grow” is a record of that experience. I wrote this song almost 5 years ago. Before the pandemic. Before my musical career really started taking off. But this resonates in the same way now as it did when I first wrote the song and recorded a demo of it on my dilapidated old laptop in a dark basement kitchen apartment I was living in. The message and hope that I express in the song is more valid than ever. I hope others are inspired by the song and find a similar path to what I chose. Allow yourself to be open to the currents of the universe and choose your own path forward.”

“This revised version of “Grow” encompasses everything I ever wanted for the song. A full band performing an incredible arrangement of the song with funky guitars, soulful bass, an incredible beat courtesy Richard Brown, a brass section, sax solos, scratching, and so much more. It captures the energy and chaos of the intended theme. I’m so proud of the way this song came out of the studio. It sounds BIG. It punches you in the face.”

“Using a live band really brings out the best nuances of my music - especially the subtle flavouring of 70’s/80’s funk and r&b. I’ve been told that my music sounds somewhat retro or ‘old skool’ - but I disagree. This is the new skool. I write songs - not just rhymes. I envision the entire piece of music. I curate this in my live shows. This is where hip hop is moving to in the late 2020’s. The genre, once again, is “growing” and finding fresh influence. I want to be surfing on top of that next wave.”

Produced by Wes Smith, Engineered by Brody Severinski, Mixed and Mastered by Justin Hicks and Wes Smith. Recording, mixing, and mastering at IDIO Studios.

“I hope people around the world find this song. I hope this is where people around the world discover my music and where they start following me. I have a lot to say and upcoming albums of equally incredible music to share.”

Alpha Centauri can be found on all socials, streaming services, and on his web site at <http://www.iAmAlphaCentauri.com>

His full bio also located here.

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EPK, current and upcoming song samples, and other assets available on ALPHA CENTAURI’s web site at

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