

Gabrielle De Gama releases debut single, acts alongside Iain Glen from *Game of Thrones*



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Talent is something that can be cultivated with passion, motivation, patience and practice. Armoured with all four, 14-year-old Gabrielle De Gama utilised lockdown as an opportunity to write and record her debut single, "Nasty". The song has a crucial message about bullying.

She also has a lead role in an M-Net series titled *Reyka* – in which she acts alongside award-winning Scottish actor Iain Glen from *Game of Thrones*. The show is set for release in July 2021 on M-Net (DSTV channel 101).

She comments: "I believe in continuously preparing and being ready for new opportunities."

I chatted to Gabriele last week.

■ ***The new decade means:***

I am turning 20 soon.

■ ***Fame is about:***

Being able to share with others how you gained success and to inspire others to pursue their dreams.

■ ***Retirement will happen when:***

When I'm old.

■ ***I don't do:***

Vape.



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▣ ***What does music mean to you?***

It speaks for me, it is my world right now.

▣ ***My music is about:***

My personal experiences

▣ ***I would love to co-write with:***

Sho Madjozi, Tyla and Nasty C.

▣ ***What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?***

Meeting new people and fans.

▣ ***The song you must do in every show?***

“O mio babbino caro”

▣ ***Any funny moments on stage:***

Yes, this one time when I was performing my voice went into the weirdest note ever. I’ll never forget that.

▣ ***My style icon:***

Hailey Bieber, Ariana Grande, Kylie Jenner.

▣ ***Which living person do you admire most and why?***

I admire my granny most because she has worked so hard for everything she has and always does the best she can to support me.

▣ *What is your most treasured possession?*

My Bible.

▣ *It's your round, what are you drinking?*

Coca-Cola.

▣ *Dream gig to do:*

Huawei Joburg Day.

▣ *What makes you stand out?*

I can sing opera and pop.





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■ ***Nicknames:***

Gabby

■ ***If you were not a musician, what would you do?***

I would probably be a nerd lol or an athlete.

■ ***Who would play you in a Hollywood blockbuster and why?***

Catwoman because she's so fierce.

■ ***Pick five words to describe yourself?***

Funny, hungry, happy, curious, excited.

■ ***Favourite SA songs:***

"Getting Late" – Tyla

"Vulindlela" – Brenda Fassie

"John Cena" – Sho Sho Madjozi

"Feel Good" – Lira

"SMA" – Nasty C

"Your Love" – Azana

■ ***What books are you reading?***

Hunger Games in my spare time, but right now I am reading my textbooks a lot because I am currently studying for exams.

■ ***What is your favourite word?***

Yass.

■ ***Favourite fashion garment:***

Sunglasses.

■ ***Give us some real proper slang and what it means:***

Meddie means girl; peng means gorgeous.

■ ***Your greatest achievement:***

Being young Reyka in the crime series, *Reyka*.

■ ***What do you complain about most often?***

Being hungry.

■ ***Do you do charity work and, if you do, what do you do?***

Yes, I do charity work for Chayil Foundation; we do soup kitchens for the underprivileged as well as workshops.

■ ***Wishes and dreams:***

For my music to reach a lot of people and for my name to be well known globally.

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