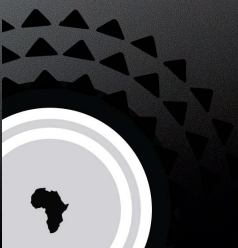
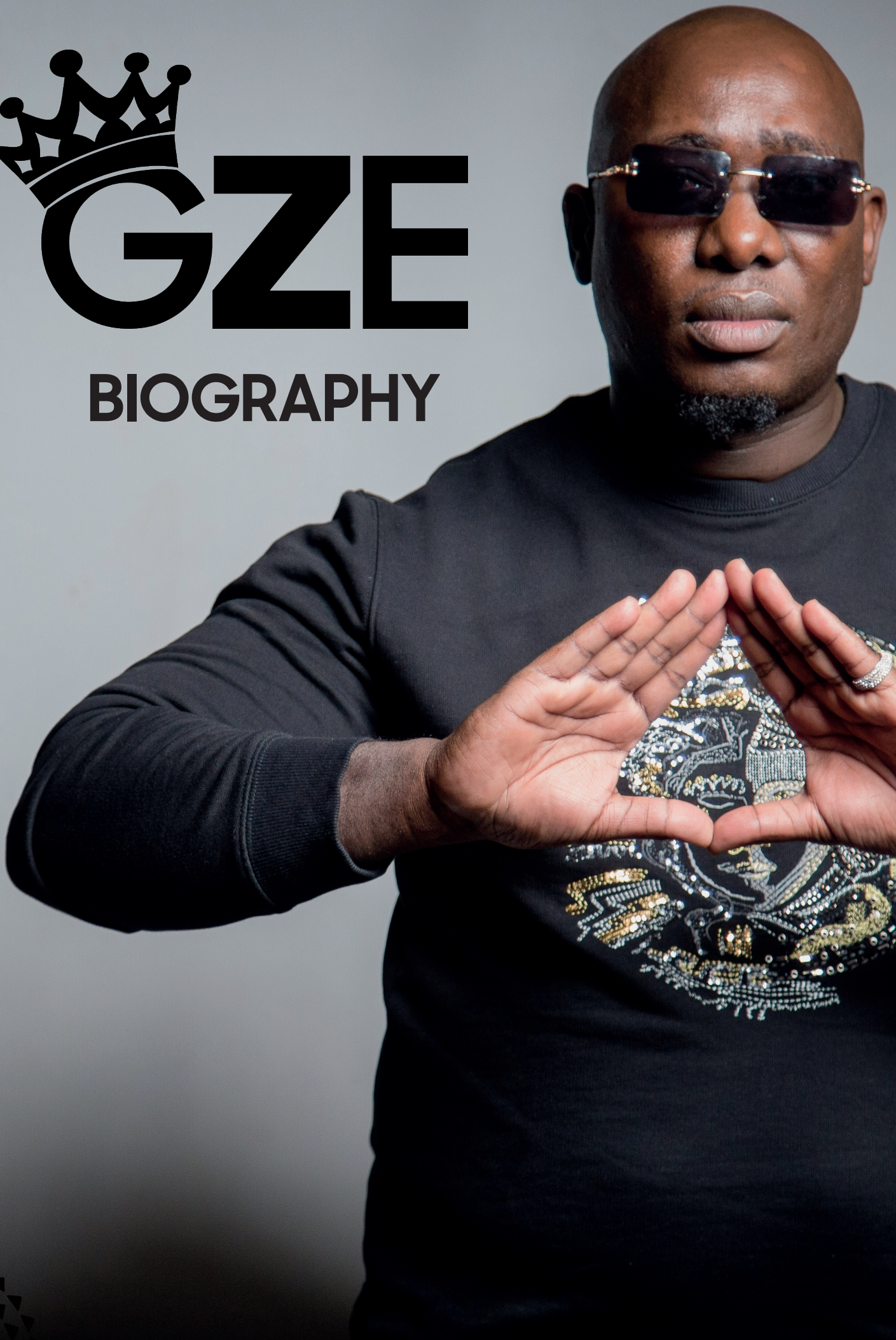




# GZE

## BIOGRAPHY



**Resilience Chekera** is undoubtedly one of Zimbabwe's longest-running and most respected lyricists. Going by his more popular moniker - **GZE** his career has spanned 2 decades that have seen him win multiple awards and rise to the top as both a solo and group artist. His deep raspy voice and impressive penchant for using Zimbabwean street language and marrying it with complex metaphors have earned him a dedicated cult following amongst a wide swathe of Hip Hop fans.

His career began in the early 2000s as part of the Urban Grooves trio aptly titled **3rinity (Trinity)**. The group comprised of GZE, Vito and Andrew Msonzah. Melding Hip Hop with a number of genres such as R&B, Rock and the burgeoning Urban Grooves sound, they quickly captured the attention of culture. This culminated in the group's song **Jesa** being featured on the cult classic **Chamhembe Plus** compilation album. This song was also part of their critically acclaimed debut album **Ini Iye, Naye** that also featured hits such as **Wadiwa Wepamoyo** and **Nditore**.



After this, **GZE** took a break from the limelight to focus on his education and career, but music remained an integral part of his life as he built a home studio where he would record. In 2013 he officially came out of retirement with the release of the star-studded single **Vroom Vroom**. It featured Zim Hip Hop pioneer Jnr Brown and was produced by one of the founders of the Urban Groove movement - Take 5ive. The song went on to achieve number 1 status across all Zimbabwean radio stations and was followed up by **Imnhandu**, **John Bhuru**, and **Stabhai Kupratta** which all achieved incredible radio and popular reception. This was cemented when **Imnhandu** won Verse of The Year at the Zim Hip Hop Awards and **Stabhai Kupratta** won Song Of The Year at the StarFM Awards.

As a savvy businessman **GZE** released these singles and various mixtapes independently, they sold thousands of copies via a mobile money platform.



In 2021 he released the single and video for Muchinjikwa which speaks to the social issues plaguing Zimbabwe today. Now in 2022 **GZE** is preparing for the release of his debut solo album **Chekera** via his new management and label Point Black Africa.



### Discography

Jesa - Chamhembe Delux  
Ini lye, Naye - 3rinity  
400 Bars & Running Mixtape (2019)  
Chekera (2022)

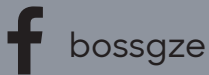


### Awards

Best Hip Hop Verse for Imhandu - 2017 Zim Hip Hop Awards  
Best Song for Stabhai Kupratta - 2019 StarFM Awards



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