

*Cici*



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**B**orn on the 15th of February 1987 in Ladysmith, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Busisiwe Edith Thwala better known as Cici, is a renowned singer, actress and fierce dancer that has had an impact on the growth and development of modern the pop music scene in South Africa. her music career can be traced back to the year 2003 with the main influence being traditional pop craft.





## MULTI-TALENDED

This immensely talented artist earned her stripes as she became the winner of the South African Arts & Development Association auditions. Her vocal ability is top class as she has also dabbled in theatre and cabaret singing. Cici's artistry can also be recognized through her acting career where she played the role of Lihle on the South African drama series *Rhythm City* and her role on SABC1's highly popular soap, *Generations*.

Further growing in the entertainment space, Cici joined Ambitious Entertainment in the year 2017. She debuted her

signing by releasing a heartfelt single titled *Iqiniso*. The single successfully gathered a sad narrative into a smooth 5-minute composition accompanied by soft instruments produced by renowned producer Ruff.

The video to the song has since gathered over two million views on YouTube. That success was followed by visuals for her track, *Ngidinge*, a Zulu term translating to 'Need Me' taken from her self-titled album, *Busisiwe* released in November 2017. The music video has received over three million views.



# GROWTH

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Her growth can be measured by her achievements thus far in her journey, she took home three 15th Annual Metro FM Awards for Best RnB single, Best Styled Album and best compilation feature. She has also been awarded the SABC Summer song winner and landed herself in the SABC most played song Top Ten category.

2019 saw Cici's acting career advancing to greater heights, with her name being counted amongst the stars. She landed herself a role in Khanyi Mbau's thriller movie, Red Room, that debuted in cinemas on the 8th of March. Cici has not put her acting career on hold as she is part of The Ferguson Films Netflix series, Kings of Joburg.

On April 12, 2019, the Pop and R&B singer coupled her emotive song, Uhlal'ukwenza, with an astounding music video bringing the lyrics to life. This decade sees the songstress changing the sound of her music from emotional to a more love-filled and upbeat sound as she released a song titled Inyanga in the month of love- 21 February 2020.

Inyanga was followed by another love song with wedding vibes titled 'Hamba Naye' featuring the award-winning Afro-pop group duo, Mafikizolo. The song was released on the 23rd of October 2020 and it raced to the number one spot on the iTunes top charts across all genres for two consecutive days. Known for being a sucker for love, Cici attaches a love story to her 'Hamba Naye' lyrics. Through this vibrant music video, she brings two worlds together preaching that love is blind. Hamba Naye music video comes right after the singer was featured by Donald in another love song titled 'Uzobuya'.

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