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3 3-year-old songwriter, trapper and recording artist Sizwe Andrew Thabethe from Zonkizizwe, Johannesburg has always loved the arts and entertainment space, from Dramatic arts to a choir and a group called Peer Education run by the late Akhumzi Jezile. Kraizie rose to fame in 2015 after joining the award-winning record label Ambitiouz Entertainment.

Separate from music, Kraizie is also a traditional healer. Although they may seem as they are two different worlds, his spiritual practices tie in with his music. The multitalented star also comes with an acting background, doing Cameo roles for popular TV shows such as uGugu no Andile, YoTv and The Queen.



MUSIC

He released his debut single 'Pebep' which received positive response. The single's music video was exclusively released on MTV Base and now sits on over 29 thousand views on YouTube. The trapper who holds the Best Ekurhuleni Trap Banger award ended the exciting year of 2017 pushing out an unexpected single titled 'Phumuza Maphiko', which serves as his second single. Phumuza Maphiko is a 4 four-minute composition of a fiery hook and catchy verses that are easy to sing along to. The song is lyrically simple and has a modern feel that appeals across all demographics.



SKILLS

Following the successful releases of the Pebeb visuals as well as phumuz'amaphiko, Kraizie released another offering titled "Thilili". With contributions from fellow artist, Emfezi Emnyama, Thilili comprises of a much Soulful and deeply personal sound. Thilili lyrically portrays Kraizie persistently trying to reach of his loved one over the phone until he eventually wins at the end of the single. In the first scene of the Thilili visuals released in January 2019, we are introduced to a troubled Kraizie, wallowing in self-pity. This video takes us on a journey as we watch with much anticipation as Kraizie persistently tries to get hold of his love.

After what seems like a musical break, Kraizie comes back in 2021 with a more mature and distinct sound in his offering titled 'Umbuso' which means Kingdom. The single

is Kraizie's way of saying he is back to rule as the king of trap music. He encourages everyone to be proud who they are. In August 2022, "Isangoma somculo" as he is known on social media, released "Thumela" in which he features his stablemates, S'Villa and Snymaan. The three talented songwriters penned down emotive lyrics to resonate with people who work hard in big cities to send money home. Kraizie aims to continue using music to advocate for the ordinary persons so that they feel heard and understood. After his August 2022 release Thumela; Kraizie dubbed Isangoma Somculo has come back with a healing Ep to share with his fans, his astounding sound that he has perfected over the years. The 6 track Ep is to set the stage for the bodies of work to come from Kraizie.

Kraizie is happy to share his growth with his fans and peers alike and continues to heal through his music.



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