

Lana Crowster returns to the national music scene with the release of single: "Fake"

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After having spent years working on several successful musical endeavours, including performing on the current season of *Music Roulette* on SABC 2, South African singer Lana Crowster returns to the national music scene with the release of her latest single: "Fake".

The singer and songwriter, who hails from Belhar in the Western Cape, has also been named as one of the young South Africans you need to know by the *Mail and Guardian* in its recent poll.

We had a rapid-fire chat last week.



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■ **The new decade means:**

New possibilities and a positive shift in energy.

■ **Fame is about:**

Using your clout for good rather than evil.

■ **Retirement will happen when:**

When I can afford a house with a huge garden and seven dogs.

■ **I don't do:**

Drugs and escargot.

■ ***What does music mean to you?***

Music is a sacred vessel best used to communicate the incommunicable.

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■ ***My music is about:***

A woman of colour living a bold life and the lessons learned along the way.

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

Lizzo, Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars, Gregory Porter and H.E.R.

■ ***Where do you go for inspiration to create?***

I am inspired by late night, wine-induced conversations with my close friends and the strangers I meet on my travel adventures.

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

Being able to express myself through various forms of creativity – art, music, fashion design, etc.



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■ ***The song you must do in every show:***

“Seasons”, “Truth” and “Outta My System”.

▣ ***Any funny moments on stage:***

I recently did a show where my zip broke as I stepped onto stage! I had to perform two dance numbers while holding my pants up!

▣ ***My heroes:***

Aretha Franklin, Patti LaBelle, Alicia Keys, Erykah Badu – basically all Black women who freely express themselves and live unapologetically.

▣ ***My style icon:***

Rihanna and Lizzo.

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

Lizzo – her self-awareness, artistic bravery, her intelligence as a musician and she is a powerhouse performer, songwriter and vocalist.

▣ ***What is your most treasured possession?***

My Roland Juno keyboard. I remember dreaming of owning one as a music student, so I saved up for it and bought it! I still can't believe I made that happen for myself. And my car, The Silver Bullet; same story as the Juno ;)

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

Watermelon-flavoured Absolut Vodka and soda, on the rocks, please:)

▣ ***What makes you stand out?***

My personality, character, music and sense of style are fiercely unique.

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

I would be a creative director of some sort; fashion and jewellery designer, anything where I get to be creative.

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

Lizzo, because she is basically my twin, in character and spirit!

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

Resilient, bold, authentic, unique, powerful.

■ ***Five favourite SA albums:***

Nomvula – Freshlyground

A Cry, A Smile, A Dance – Judith Sephuma

Indlel'eyekhaya – Spha Mdlalose

Halloween – TKZee

Swimming in The Soul of Music – RJ Benjamin

■ ***What is your favourite word?***

Am I allowed to swear on this questionnaire?

■ ***Favourite fashion garment:***

My sneakers, all of them!



■ ***Top of your bucket list:***

Graduating with my master's degree in music business from New York University.

■ ***Your greatest achievement:***

This far, it's been creating a niche for myself as a performer and music educator. Being able to create a legacy project like The Lady Day Big Band and have a hand in nurturing the future of SA music is my biggest achievement. I will continue to seek out opportunities to do so.

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

I hate getting cold. Winter is the worst for me.

■ ***What is your fear?***

Dreaming so big that I can't make it a reality for myself.

■ ***On stage, I tend to:***

Lose my mind, but in a good and entertaining way!

■ ***Wishes and dreams:***

Success, abundance, happiness and the ability to pay every ounce of my success forward. And a house with a garden big enough to hold seven dogs.

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