

Kayo Bracey Biography

Kayo Bracey is one of the most energetic performers and entertainers bred out of the Carolinas. This passion and energy comes from one simple mentality: "Take The Stairs".

Dakota "Kayo" Bracey was born in Greensboro, NC. He graduated from Morgan State University after receiving a full athletic scholarship to play football. He remained in Baltimore for a few years after graduation before eventually relocating back home to North Carolina.

Kayo hit the ground running once he returned home. He quickly began releasing several mixtapes. His most prominent mixtape was entitled "All Purple Everythang". This project was downloaded and streamed over 155,000 times. This accomplishment garnered Kayo a "New Artist of the Year" award from the North Carolina Underground Music Awards show.

Kayo released another project shortly after entitled "Money & Momentum". Several of the songs off of this project made their way onto local radio in his hometown. Kayo began performing alongside with acts such as Travis Porter, Big Daddy Kane, Wale and many more as an opening act.

Bracey has since been named as North Carolina's Rap Artist of the Year by Featured Highlights twice, and has released several albums including "Take the Stairs" and "More Stairs". "The mindset of taking the stairs is a simple one. " Bracey exclaims. "I never received a handout. I'm from a single parent household. My father got killed, and I've lived through poverty. All I know is hardwork. That's taking the stairs".

Kayo is a breath of fresh air to the industry. He doesn't glorify negativity, or disrespect of women. In fact, he doesn't even curse in his music, which has allotted him opportunities that many others would not get. He has spoken at several high school graduations, youth conferences, as well as doing standard club appearances. Bracey has not only maintained being genuine in his music, but has even motivated others to fight through their struggles, through what he has coined as "Struggle Rap".

"Struggle Rap is for people that know about getting their hands dirty. It's for people that have been down and out before, and have wondered where their next meal is coming from. Most rappers tend to overlook these people, so I wanted to make sure that I made music that they could personally feel. That's Struggle Rap".

Bracey is ready to take the industry on fire as he has been tearing up stages all over the nation. In 2018 he performed at the Radio Nation's DJ's Presser in Los Angeles for the BET Awards. He also performed at the Core DJ's mixer in Atlanta, and has performed in 10 states this year alone. His newest single "Round N Round" which features DJ Luke Nasty and Brandon Pierre has been aired on several of the biggest stations in North Carolina and continues to grow daily. Kayo is definitely set to be a groundbreaking artist in 2019.