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Learn instrumentals and write your own songs- Eric Wainaina tells upcoming artistes.



Eric Wainaina delivering a keynote address at Aga Khan Academy Mombasa on Saturday during the academy's 13th graduation ceremony

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Eric Wainaina famed for his "Nchi ya Kitu Kidogo" song has told upcoming artistes to learn musical instruments besides writing their own songs.

According to him this is the only way to stay relevant in the industry which he terms as being competitive.

He says his new album 'Dreams in Stereo' is currently available in all digital platforms including mdundo.com, skiza and amazon tunes.

The famed artiste says "the new album is one of my fine works."

The artist however denied claims that he was working behind the curtain rather he says he had earlier on produced two albums which according to him did not get good airplay.

"The music industry like any other industry has both ups and downs," he said. The new album " Dreams in Stereo" is a vivid description of my life, love, passion and betrayal."

Asked what entails a good artiste Eric said "a good artiste is the one who responds honestly how they feel about a thing. There is time and place for everything."

He says he is passionate about Sauti Soul, Benga and Lingalla music.

The artiste was speaking at the sidelines of a graduation ceremony at the Aga Khan Academy Mombasa on Saturday where he was the chief guest.

The Kenyan Musician has inspired many, touching the hearts of many Kenyans with songs that hold a deep sense of nationality and a strong sensation of unity.

He made his debut in 2001 with his career launching album Sawa Sawa which remains among the list of the country's most selling solo albums.

Wainaina's music style is a mixture of East African guitar tunes and Kenyan Benga rhythm accompanied by modern harmony.

Some of the albums including: Sawa sawa 2001, Twende Twende 2006, Love + Protest 2011 Daima Mimi Mkenya Nchi ya Kitu Kidogo among others.

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