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Myra Maimoh - A Cameroonian singer , songwriter and Student living in Germany has set a landmark with her charm and passion for music on the rungs of the Ladder to Fame and Celebrity as a New Comer in the International Music scene with her November Released Album "answer'd me". The album , a repertoire of 11 qualitative, authentic and emotional tracks is a rare to find combination of afro and western Music which captivates an enormous audience. Myra who is now reaping the fruits of the hard work as a succesfull studio singer and her childhood dreams says *".. I am a go-getter. I love challenges and hate failure with a passion and therefore sometimes find it hard to give up".*

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online Magazine caught up with her busy schedule in an exclusive interview. Get The scoops:

{xtypo_rouned2}TTS: **Your first album “Answered me” is out since November 2010. How did you feel like recording your own studio album? How did you feel having your own CD in hand?**

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Myra Maimoh [MM]:When i started recording, I came even closer to my life-long dream of releasing my own album and building a successful music career and later on, holding my own cd made it even more real. I had an explosion of emotions. It was an amazing feeling, a mixture of happiness, self-realization and most important, I finally had a chance to touch people through song & lyrics. Besides, doing live music with my band or in the studio gives me THE Kick! When I start singing, I really don't want to stop and it was fun recording with the Hitsmith team led by Mbachi Halle.

TTS: What are your songs about? What specific themes do they cover?

[MM]: My music is meant to put smiles on people faces and hearts and therefore, the lyrics and melodies are geared towards that. The lyrics are uplifting and motivating at the same time. Themes like determination, self-assurance, fighting fear and our inner-demons, believing and trusting in God and so much more are the focus in my songs.

TTS: How Much Creative control do you have over your own Music? Who does most of the song writing/art/ literature/? (Tell us about the song writing process -)

[MM]: Yes I do, the songs on my first album were written by my songwriters and I co-wrote some. "I need him" and "Killing me" are some of the songs that carry a lot of my work. I do write my own songs, been doing that since I was about 15 years old and some of mine will feature in my next album. However, I think motivating messages in my songs are the most important as well as bringing out really high quality songs. So I do not mind having someone write for me at all.

TTS: How would you describe your music to our audience if they have never seen you before?

[MM]: The album features pop, afrobeat, RnB, Electronica, Rock and soul, therefore, each person can have something form it. The messages are unmistakably motivating and encouraging, soothing and non-threatening Christian. It is a mix of modern, contemporary and traditional. From afrobeat to salsa, to pop and r&b, to rock and electronica, all representing me, an African with influences from the whole world.

TTS: What do you think makes you and your type of music Unique from other artists?

[MM]: My music represents me, my life sung in my own way. I try as much as possible not to follow the crowd. My lyrics should have a meaning, the melodies should be catching and it should have something positive to teach. I just let myself get lost in the music and emotions then bring out Myra.

TTS: What inspires you to keep going and how do you keep yourself Motivated?

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[MM]: God, my family, my ambition and my experiences in life. Growing up normally was difficult and I swore to myself I was going to get right to the top for myself, my family and my friends but also to share the little I have learnt from life's torments and blessings with others.
TTS: As a Cameroonian living in Germany what are the challenges you face as an artist?

[MM]: I do not sing in German, nevertheless, I have a fast growing German fan base and I speak German and am familiar with the German culture already. I would say I have the same challenges all artists have anywhere in the world and that is breaking into the global market and staying there.
TTS: Studies and Music In Germany! – How do you bridge the Gap of Studies and the pursuit of your Musical career?

[MM]: They are both mini- goals that lead to one main one- doing music long-term and be able to manage/market other musicians as well as own my own music label. For that to happen, I need the education!
TTS: What is an Ordinary week-day of yours like?

[MM]: Wake up, cross check my schedule, if I have no performances or interviews, I do the following: go to school, get in touch with my fans, write poems maybe in school or at home.
TTS: Were you financially able to fund the start of your music Career?

[MM]: I was signed by Hitsmith, and that's why the album is called "Anwer'd Me"; because my dreams came true and I would not have been able to do it all on my own.
TTS: Do you currently have an agent, endorsement, record label, sponsor etc.?

[MM]: I do have a record label (Hitsmith), I have an agent/ manager. I have no endorsements yet.
TTS: What do you think your "biggest break" or "greatest opportunity" has been so far in your Musical career?

[MM]: Being signed by the CEO of Hitsmith.de after he listened to me sing.
TTS: We see you are have been on the Top Rotation on the New Comer Radio in Germany and Musical Chart across Europe – What does this mean to you?

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[MM]: It means that some people like the music, the lyrics, the messages and/or the whole package. It also means that my team and i have what it takes or the X-factor to go even further in the music world. We will continue to work towards that and

more.
TTS: How do you rate your live performance ability? Do you feel better performing live or in the studio?

[MM]: Live performances are always the best. I get to express myself musically and emotionally more than I would in the studio. This is simply because I can do anything I want live, play with the crowd, do a different version of my songs and use my complete vocal range. Plus, I get to communicate with my audience, have them participate by singing along with me. Live performances open up so many possibilities which I love to grab all the

time.
TTS: We here at TTS have vividly listened to your Album "Answered me" and we usually tell our artists - write what you would want to perform over and over. With this in mind, what song from your album do you love to perform the most?

[MM]: Turtle back rock is da song! It has a good message, talks about fighting fear and its very dynamic mixture of rock/reggae/pop. It's just the song you want to reflect on and dance

to.
TTS: What are your up-to-date performance plans? New releases? Tours? News?

[MM]: I will be having concerts in Germany from April to July, and then later in Belgium (August) and USA(August). My next album is in the making already and I am working on videos for my songs at the moment. So you will be hearing and seeing a lot from

me!
TTS: As artists, is there anything special you hope to be able to accomplish with your Music?

[MM]: Make people happier even if it's just for a minute. Be able to change their lives positively with my lyrics and melodies. Show them that it is very possible to realise their dreams when they take full advantage our God-given talents and when they trust in themselves, work hard but mostly trust in the almighty.
TTS: What do you think of the Cameroon Music Industry? What is your present relationship with other Artist?

[MM]: Considering the number of Cameroonians out here and back home not only doing music but being successful, I can only say that the Cameroon Music Industry is slowly but surely making its impact. Cameroonian artists in the diaspora who actually have more opportunities than back home are making good use of the advantages at their disposal. I have a good relationship with Cameroonian musicians out here. I plan to do more with them, already have a

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project with Naomi Achu from the US going on. **TTS:**
How can you access your fans and how have they contributed to your success?

[MM]: My sales report, fan data from my networks give me the necessary data I need to access my fans. My fans have blessed me a whole lot, if it were not for them, I would not be here. I love you all and please keep on supporting me as I strive to give you something better every time. I love you all!!!! MUAH!
TTS: You are active on the various social media Network sites & also set a space with write-ups by various Blogs and online magazines. How has the social media and online community contributed to your success. What would be your Tip for other new comers?

[MM]: Social media and online communities are becoming more and more important, more and more people are joining social networks and sharing their likes, favourite musicians etc. This offers musicians a whole lot of opportunities. Never underestimate the power of networking when doing music marketing!
TTS: Do you have any Fan comment or mails on how your music has affected them?

[MM]: I receive lots of them. They make my day and I love my fans for being that sweet enough to give me feedback. I try as much as possible to reply to the fan mails I receive though it's difficult to reply to them all. My everyday prayer is that God should bless them just as they have blessed me.
TTS: Any influence or anyone you look up to when it comes to the Music Industry?

[MM]: Skeeter Davies, James Brown, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Bébé Manga, the late Charlotte Mbango RIP, Coco Mbassi and Manu Ndibango, Richard Bona Jill Scott, India Arie, John Legend, are artists I totally love and listen to them like all the time.
TTS: Art and Music has an impact on both young and old. Everyone loves celebrity, so what is your advice to the youths of today especially the Cameroonian youths and aspiring artists especially music New comers like you?

[MM]: Identify your talents and your weaknesses and then work on them so you can be prepared when blessings or luck comes your way.. Create contacts whenever you can and believe in yourself. Follow your dreams not the crowd, stick to your principles and persist even when things do not seem to work.
TTS: Do you have other interests or talents you would like to share with us? How do you like to enjoy your

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relaxation time away from Music?

[MM]: I write poems and stories. Some of which have already been published. I love acting too. When I want to relax, I go to the movies, hang out with friends, go for a stroll or shopping.
TTS: Could you tell us about your best moments in the Music / Entertainment industry?

[MM]: When I was signed and every other performance and concert I have done since I released my album.
TTS: Where would you like to see yourself in the next years? What are your long term career goals?

[MM]: God willing, i´ d be a business woman, running my own label.
TTS: If you could perform with anyone in the world who will it be and why?

[MM]: Jill Scott, John Legend and Richard Bona

Without **would be a business woman_ accountant and product manager**

My music makes me feel **whole**

I write songs because---i **want to put a smile on people´s faces and hearts**

My talent makes me --- **special and grateful**

Describe your music in **universal, contemporary and inspirational**

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Support Music because **it can brings hope to the hopeless, and solace to the wounded**

I am a musician because **its one of the most potent mediums of spreading virtues of humanity like**

My friends call me --- **Myra**

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{xtypo_rounded2}I speak **Lamns, English, French, Pidgin, German**

My fears / weaknesses are **fear failure the most**

My favourite TV show is **Csi Miami, criminal minds, Lie to me, Sunday's Best**

My favourite Movies is **.For Colored Girls, Brown Sugar**

My favourite Music/ Band **dilb Scott**

My slogan is – **Never give up because there is always a light at the end of the tunnel**

Favorite German food--**Sauer Braten & Kartoffeln Brei**

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Favorite Cameroonian food **Fufu & Huckleberry with Kahti Kahti**

My favourite holiday **was in 2008/2009 Christmas Holiday**

TTS: If you had only five minutes to perform one song that could leave a great impact on the world today, What song would you perform why did you choose this particular piece?

[MM]: Turtle Back Rock
TTS: Share with us something funny/ embarrassing/ bizarre thing on stage with you? How did you react to it?

[MM]: I was singing once when the mike went off but I quickly joined my dancers at the back and we gave them the thrilling dance choreography we had prepared. At the end, we had a huge applause/ grand ovation and we were asked to do one more song!

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