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**"How I plan to integrate my love of music into my professional career."**

For as long as I can remember, music has always been a vital part of my existence. Music is the essence of my life, and the soul of my survival. Music, primarily Soul, Latin, R&B and Hip Hop, has given me vigor, passion and maturity throughout my entire 22 years of youthfulness. I was introduced to music before I was even born. My older brother has told me stories of putting headphones up to my mother's stomach in hopes of me loving the same music he did. It worked. Music was the driving force in maintaining a happy and joyful childhood and its presence has only amplified as I have encountered many life-altering experiences. Where would I be without Hip Hop and Soul music? I've never been good at answering hypothetical questions, but I can say this: I would be lost and I would not be the man I am today if it weren't for the music, the people in my community and my determination for wanting to integrate my love of music into my professional career.

It must have been fate that I began working at Amoeba Music in San Francisco, known to be the musical Mecca of the United States. The gods must have known that I had a love for music and privileged me with an opportunity to not only work at such a great music store, but also learn about the music industry and its major

components. I have met an extraordinary group of musicians, DJs, producers, vocalists, celebrities, entertainers, promoters, locals, and foreigners during the four years I have worked at Amoeba. Working at Amoeba has given me a realistic approach for becoming an artist and/or working in the demanding music industry. The skills I have learned from my present employer, such as artist relations, buying, selling, distributing, and marketing and promoting, will help me integrate the business aspects with my music into my professional career. My expanded appreciation for other genres will also help me by influencing my music through a more diverse approach in production.

Just Blaze, an amazing and famous Hip Hop producer, once said, "You can't go far without your team." I find the former to be the truest of statements regarding almost anything anyone does, especially music. A team is always involved in allowing music to be heard and rarely does it only rely on the producer. My team, or group if you will, is known as The Sole Vibe. The Sole Vibe is a collective of producers, emcees, engineers, writers and overall music fanatics. Seven of us compose The Sole Vibe, and the love we share for music has enabled us to create and educate ourselves about the lifestyle we hold dear to our hearts. My love for music is much larger than words can describe; it is because of my group's teamwork that I have been inspired to share music as a professional career. Producing music not only fulfills my craving to make music but also, allows me to share that passion with everyone who chooses to listen. Producing music with a group of individuals who share the same, genuine interests is the definitive example of integrating my love of music into my professional career.

My goal is to integrate my love of music into my professional career by becoming a performing artist, producing and playing vinyl records for a living. Not only do I produce, but I also DJ, and I believe sharing music, as a professional career is the greatest gift I can give back to my community. Music is far beyond audio phonic vibrations that are pleasurable to the human ear. Music is a way of life that offers an

ocean of emotions, feelings, beliefs, and viewpoints. Business is the reality of most endeavors and the music industry is no different; there is no denying that my current occupation at Amoeba will assist me in this capacity. The Sole Vibe's teamwork and common need for quality music is essential in understanding my passion for wanting to spread music, as a living, to as many people as possible. My love for music is apparent and I will no doubt be involved with music until the day I die. So, regardless of my professional musical career, I have only one responsibility, provide for others just as music has graciously done so for me.

For more information on myself as a music artist, please feel free to visit [www.MySpace.com/YoungWho](http://www.MySpace.com/YoungWho) or [www.MySpace.com/TheSoleVibe](http://www.MySpace.com/TheSoleVibe).

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