## Harrysong – nigerian singer, songwriter and instrumentalist

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In this age and time, it takes a lot to have an appreciable knowledge of most musical instruments and also stand as a lead vocalist of a band. Harrysong is one Nigerian artist who has a deep knowledge of the piano, guitar, conga, drums as well as a unique voice that naturally place him ahead of others.

With a career that has spanned almost a decade, there is no doubt that he is relatively new in the music industry compared to icons like King Sunny Ade and other veteran singers. Unlike most prominent singers, Harrysong didn't push his career to the limelight with the help of the microphone. Success rather rubbed on him after his tribute to South African former president Nelson Mandela emerged the most downloaded caller tune at the 2013 Headies.

Following the deserving award, the singer went on to score a befitting nomination at the 2014 Nigeria Entertainment Awards, where he was voted as the Best Pop/R&B Artist of the Year. In the same year, Harrysong added two enviable awards to his gallery after his video Kolombo won Best Contemporary Afro Video at the 9th Nigeria Music Video Awards while the other, My Story won the Best Pop Extra Video at the same event.

2015 was also quite a remarkable year for the singer, as it produced one nomination and one award for him. In the said year, Harrysong was nominated as the Artiste of the year at the Ghana Music Awards and won the 2015 Creative Person of the Year at the Sun Awards. The singer was born to Nigerian parents on March 20, 1981, in Warri, Delta State. He is of Ijaw descent and raised in Port Harcourt, Rivers States, until in 220 when he relocated to Lagos.

The dance hall performer launched his musical career at the age of eleven. He started out as a conga player in his church, where his mother once served as the director of music. Harrysong later left the environment and began to learn other aspects of contemporary gospel music.

Prior to fame, the singer used to make a reasonable sum of money from his performances in nightclubs. His popularity skyrocketed after he got connected to popular Nigerian singer Kcee, who would facilitate his signing to the record label Five Star Music. Harrysong had his career breakthrough after he dropped the single hits I'm In Love and Taiye & Kehinde. I'm in Love's music video is said to have topped charts including Trace TV.

Harrysong released his first studio album titled Testify in 2012 through the record label, QuestionMark Entertainment. The Afropop singer's other music credits include, I Want You (Gyptian cover), Obu Ego (Hustle), I'm in Love Remix (featuring Olamide), When She Loves, Better Pikin, Kolombo, Ofeshe, Reggae Blues (featuring Olamide, Iyanya, Kcee, Orezi), Baba for the girls"(featuring Kcee), Arabanko, Comsa, among others.

Harrysong has amassed impressive assets from a flourishing career ever since he rose to stardom. Recently, he acquired a bullet-proof Mercedes Benz S Class worth 95 million Naira to his fleet of cars. Sometime in July 2013, it was reported that Harrysong received a 2013 Toyota Camry and duplex after he joined Emoney's record label, Five Star Music.