

Moonchild Sanelly releases new EP

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Last week, Moonchild Sanelly - South Africa's 'queen of *gqom*' - released her new EP *Nüdes* via Transgressive Records and Gallo Record Company, locally.

The EP is set to position her as one of the year's greatest breakout artists, with her electrifying music and unique style ready to take on a global audience.

Nüdes is packed with Sanelly's quintessential infectious energy and is sure to keep you dancing for the entire EP.

Sanelly shares about the EP: "The whole EP is about liberation. I have a range of fun experimental sounds mixed with day to day [or night to night ;)] - concepts and stories associated with my mission of liberation. *Nüdes* is a record of self-empowerment. Only *you* have the power to make you happy. I want to have every woman knowing every bit of their existence is worthy of being loved and valued. Knowing that you are that bitch. Owning it and saying it unapologetically."

The project follows the announcement of her feature on the Gorillaz upcoming album *Strange Timez* for the track "With Love to an Ex" as well as her feature in Beyoncé's *Black Is King* visual album for the song *My Power*.

Fearless, inclusive and a lot of fun, Sanelly is only just getting started.

Her iconic personal style combined with an outspoken approach to female sexual empowerment has earned her collaborations with Beyoncé, Die Antwoord, Gorillaz, Diplo and Wizkid and built her a devoted fanbase.

She is "a global superstar waiting to happen", according to Damon Albarn.

I caught up with Sanelly last week.



■ ***The new decade means:***

Corona and female superheroes.

■ ***Fame is about:***

Making money in front of people.

■ ***Retirement will happen when:***

(I'm) six feet under.

■ ***I don't do:***

Snails, frogs and pigs.

■ ***What does music mean to you?***

Freedom and power.

■ ***What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?***

Being on stage and empowering women.

■ ***Any funny moments on stage:***

(I) climbed the rails during a performance and when I jumped down I landed so hard, puke came up. I had to run off and puke and run back on time to sing a verse. No one noticed

■ ***Which living person do you admire most and why?***

My Mom, even without her alive, I have her strength and fighting power! We win!

■ ***What is your most treasured possession?***

My mouth

■ ***It's your round, what are you drinking?***

Tequila.

■ ***Dream gig to do:***

Touring with Beyoncé.

■ ***What makes you stand out?***

My hair, first.



🎲 ***Nicknames:***

Nonono.

🎲 ***If you were not a musician, what would you do?***

Fashion design.

🎲 ***Pick five words to describe yourself:***

Outspoken, liberated, big-hearted, hard, generous.

🎲 ***Who do you love?***

Myself, my kids, my dad, lil' sister and my aunt and girlfriend.

🎲 ***What is your favourite word?***

F*ck.

■ ***Favourite fashion garment:***

Underwear.

■ ***Give us some real proper slang and what it means:***

Matanyula; it means balls. □

■ ***Top of your bucket list:***

Tea party with Grace Jones.

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