

KALIFA





bio :

Kalifa, formerly known as Le1f, is a singer, rapper, producer and dancer from Times Square, New York who's garnered attention for his avant-garde music and performance styles. After an introduction to the world as an electronic music producer, Kalifa went on to become a figure as an openly gay rapper with the success of his 2012 underground pop-rap banger "Wut" and a forerunner of hyperpop with his 2015 debut album "Riot Boi". In the decade since, he's become a staple of electronic music festivals and pride events internationally .

highlights :

- Released the first gay rap album on a major indie;
Riot Boi (XL Recordings, 2015)
- **15 million Spotify streams** & 45k Spotify followers.
- Performed on the Late Show with David Letterman.
- 3 mixtapes, 3 EPs and 1 full-length album
- GLAAD Media Award 2016 Nominee for Outstanding Music Artist

- **10 Indie-Venue Headlining Tours:**
2 North America, 4 Europe, 3 Australia and 1 Asia.

- **7 Concert Hall Tours as Direct Support**
for acts including M.I.A., Peaches, The Garden and The Presets.

press

"With Bravado and Bravos"
- The New York Times

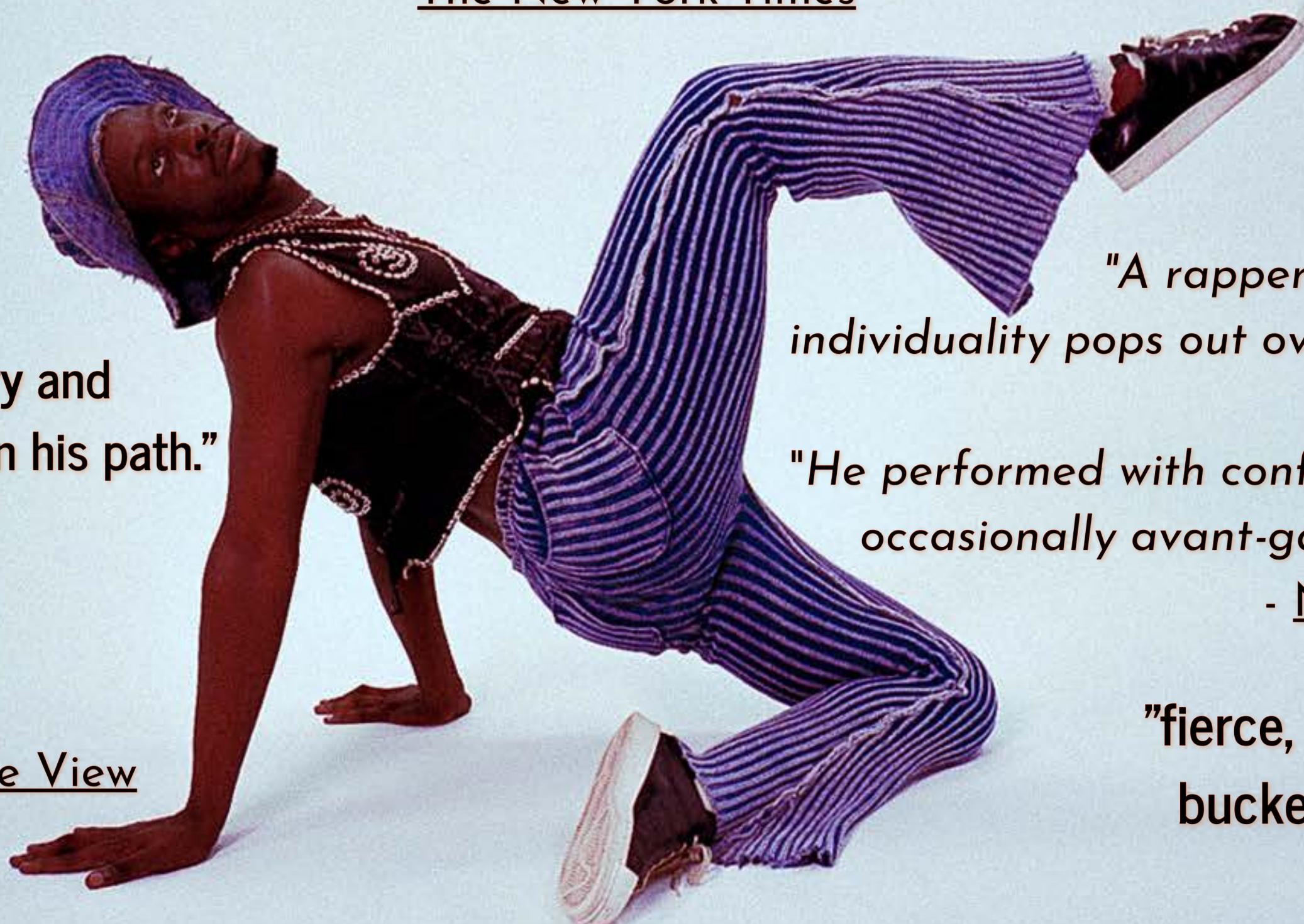
*"looks a million dollars
and moves like a panther"*
- The Guardian

*"He'll break every boundary and
step through every limit in his path."*
- Billboard

*'Frank Ocean came out.
And then came Kalifa.'*
- Rosie Perez on The View

*"Transmuting the city's
energy into his own specific blend of queer hip-pop."*
- The Fader

"The New York rapper is playful, painfully clever."
- The New York Times



*"Pushes boundaries
and moves bodies."*
- Rolling Stone

*"A rapper whose boundless, arty
individuality pops out over every jittery beat"*

*"He performed with confidence, command and
occasionally avant-garde fearlessness."*
- NPR

*"fierce, ferocious and
bucketfuls of fun."*
- Dazed

"sing-along tracks that take on hot-button topics..."
- Pitchfork

pride events

- [Buffalo Pride \(2023\)](#)
- [Charlotte Pride \(2022\)](#)
- [Tacoma Pride \(2022\)](#)
- [Vancouver Pride \(2020\)](#)
- [Durham Pride \(2019\)](#)
- [Bristol UK Pride \(2019\)](#)
- [Manchester UK Pride \(2019\)](#)
- [Sydney Mardi Gras \(2019\)](#)
- [Castro Street Fair \(2019\)](#)
- [San Francisco Pride \(2018\)](#)
- [San Diego Pride \(2018\)](#)
- [New Orleans Pride \(2018\)](#)
- [Charleston Pride \(2018\)](#)
- [Birmingham UK Pride \(2018\)](#)
- [Auckland NZ Pride \(2018\)](#)
- [Gaytimes Australia \(2018\)](#)
- [Los Angeles Pride \(2017\)](#)
- [Gothenburg Sweden Pride \(2017\)](#)
- [Spotify Pride \(2017\)](#)
- [Santa Barbara Pride \(2016\)](#)
- [Lisbon Portugal Pride \(2016\)](#)
- [Stockholm Sweden Pride \(2016\)](#)
- [Oakland Pride \(2014\)](#)
- [Toronto Pride \(2014\)](#)





WUT

4.1 million Youtube views
8.3 million Spotify + Apple streams



SODA

983K Youtube views
426K Spotify + Apple streams



KOI

659K Youtube views
1.6 million Spotify + Apple streams



BOOM

649K Youtube views
1.3 million Spotify + Apple streams





syncs

- 'Queer As Folk (Reboot) '(2022)
- 'The Other Two' (2021 & 2019)
- 'High Fidelity' (2020)
- 'Good Girls' (2019)
- MAC Cosmetics (2017)
- 'The Carmichael Show' (2017)
- 'Dirk Gently' (2017)
- 'The OA' (2016)
- 'You Me Her' (2016)
- 'Girlfriend's Guide to Divorce' (2015)
- 'Please Like Me' (2015)

campaigns +runway

- Reebok x Nao Serati
- Doc Martens
- Adidas Originals
- Barney's Pride
- Kenzo x H&M
- Patrik Ervell
- Narciso Rodriguez
- Asher Levine
- Eckhaus Latta
- Tribeca Film Festival
- Opening Ceremony
- Dazed
- i-D

collaborations



- Sophie
- Dev Hynes
- The Garden
- BloodPop
- Lunice
- Kelela
- Mykki Blanco
- Vic Mensa
- Halsey
- Lil B
- Umru
- Clip

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