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#### STINGA T HITS ALL THE RIGHT BEATS DOWN TO A 'T' IN HIS LATEST ALBUM 'SHINE'

Up and coming Aussie hip-hop artist, Stinga T, has released his third brand new album titled 'Shine'. The album is not only released on iTunes but is also available in over 190 online music stores including iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, RDIO, Deezer and emusic.

Stinga T has a talent of keeping old-school hip-hop fresh, which is demonstrated in his music throughout the entire album. Mr Lassiter, a pioneer of the Atlanta Hip Hip and Urban music scenes has even praised Stinga T of his incredible talent, stating: "Stinga T is one of the most unique and talented artists I have seen in the past decade. It is incredible that he has developed his rap skills from Australia and I look forward to global success with Stinga T." With all this newfound attention on his music, Stinga T is finally receiving the attention he deserves—and he certainly isn't holding back in his latest album 'Shine'!

'Shine' contains 10 brand new explosive tracks including collaborations with other talented artists such as Charlie Streetz, Lainie Jamieson, Ezra Juanta, Lil Jayo E and Marka. This Aussie talent is climbing the ranks of hip-hop with each new album release, he's already ranked #74 in the Australian Reverberation charts and we know we can expect more great things from him in 2014.

If you want to hear a passionate hip-hop artist (which is hard to find these days!), you won't find any other like Stinga T—we guarantee it! Stinga T is signed to the Blue Pie Records artist roster. For more information on Stinga T, you can search him on <a href="https://www.bluepierecords.com">www.bluepierecords.com</a> or on his official website at <a href="https://www.reverbnation.com/stingat">www.reverbnation.com/stingat</a>.

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## **ABOUT STINGA T**

Rapper/actor/song writer Thibul Nettle aka Stinga T was born November 1st 1982 in Perth, Western Australia. He is an Aboriginal Australian of the Yamatji and Bibulman peoples with a background of Maori, Native American, Italian and Irish within his bloodline.

He has an extensive range of experience in performing on stage as a solo MC and with former group TDB aka The Deadly Boyz, and also an actor for Film & theatre productions. His solo song writing is very lyrical where he writes in a mixture of moods from heart felt lyrics, sometimes dark themes to hard hitting street tracks. He is one of the best all round performers in the entertainment industry, taking the nation by storm. Stinga T strives to achieve nothing but the best by pushing himself every day to the limits to perfect his craft and be the best entertainer he can be.

In 1997 he saw his younger cousin Michael Collard performing a hip hop song to Japanese exchange students and from that moment he thought to himself, "Wow this would be an awesome thing to be able to do."

Stinga started learning how to write and rap songs for two years, on and off, completing vocal lessons with mentor, Ken Elliot, attending the sessions with his brother Yarba and cousin Michael until Ken's work load began increasing. Meanwhile at high school, Stinga studied drama where he was involved in school plays where he decided to pursue a career in music and acting, which the two would fit as one later in life.

In 1999 he did the impossible and shocked everyone by leaving his high-school football team and started a hip hop group called "West Side Boyz" with his younger brother Yarba and cousin Michael Collard. There was one thing he was missing though, and that was a stage name, so he decide to call himself "Stinga T". The name originated from the combination of his zodiac sign, Scorpio, and his last name which is Nettle like the plant 'Stinging Nettles', and his first name Thibul in which he took the first letter from to make up the T. The group lasted for 6 years on and off, until his younger brother became a dad and parted with the group in 2006. In 2007 Stinga T and his cousin wanted to continue with hip hop, so they formed 'TDB' aka 'Tha Deadly Boyz'.

TDB gained a lot of success, releasing two albums, performing countless shows around the country, as well as winning several awards including the Finalist title in the N2AR competition as well as two Aboriginal Bump hiphop/RnB awards for Best Album and Best Music video for two years straight. It was here, in TDB, that Stinga was able to gain a lot of credit, experience and respect for being an entertainer, but it was also here in this group, that he felt he wasn't fulfilling his full potential. With a combination of missed opportunities and failing to be signed to a label, the pressure finally got to Stinga and his cousin, so they decided to part ways in 2012 and pursue solo careers instead.

Taking on his journey as a solo recording artist, Stinga T already feels like he can offer more and give 100 percent effort as well as make his own decisions without waiting on another member. Ever since, he has been off to a good start, recording and releasing his debut album "Two Face" independently with I-tunes as well as being nominated as a finalist at the 2012 Music Oz Awards for "Best Urban Artist".

In 2012, Stinga T was nominated for an Australian Indigenous BUMP Award for "Best Video", and he won. In 2013 he is up for 3 awards as well as appearing as one of the headline acts. Nominations this year include "Best Male Artist", "Best Single" and the "lyle-munro-urban-legend-Award". Stinga has managed to keep up with his acting, playing lead roles in several feature films such as "The Counter Part", "49", "Alien Sons" and plenty more films to come in the near future. In 2013 Stinga T signed a worldwide publishing and recording agreement with indie powerhouse Blue Pie Records. Stinga T and Blue Pie are now focused on the USA with a number of tour support slots to be announced in June 2013 as well as now working with Detroit A & R Man "Oscar Ovaflow Clemons", Stinga T is now under the watchful management of Media World and Brian Lassiter. Mr Lassiter, a pioneer of the Atlanta Hip Hop and Urban music scenes says: "Stinga T is one of the most unique and talented artists I have seen in the past decade. It is incredible that he has developed his rap skills from Australia and I look forward to global success with Stinga T."

Stinga T is a Blue Pie Records artist and out now on all leading digital retailers on the planet.

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### **ABOUT BLUE PIE THE RECORD LABEL:**

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Blue Pie Records is one of the world's leading independent record Labels and publishing houses. Blue Pie Records has a wide range of alliance-partnerships which it calls upon to create distribution, production, marketing and promotional systems for our artists, labels and global content partners.

Blue Pie's priority artists include Sydonia, Burning the Day, Jack Derwin, The Benjamin Hyatt Band, Terry Oldfield, Phil Manzanera, Johnny Bennett, Suzanna Lubrano, The Objex, Gordon Waller, Dave Evans, Dale Bozzio, and Jessy Tomsko along with labels like ConcertHouse Music, TRAX Records, Mahoning Valley Records, Idyllium Muisc, Sugo Music, Deluxe Records, Reality Entertainment, and PLG Music Group to name a few. Our live concert and video clip library continues to expand and includes live albums, video clips, and video concerts from artists including, Chicago, The Cars, Tiesto, Steve Aoki and Dave Evans to name a few.

Blue Pie's roster of artists continues to gain worldwide recognition with chart success in the USA, Canada, Europe and Australia. Blue Pie is continually developing new markets for our artists, labels, content partners to connect and reach new consumers and fans for their music. The Blue Pie license team has placed over 2000 film, TV, cable show and advertising license sales over the past 3 years alone. The label provides transparent reporting and digital asset management services through its partner Blue Pie Data <a href="https://www.bluepiedata.com">www.bluepiedata.com</a>

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