

ABOUT GUNDEI

Heart...passion...determination...talent. These qualities define Montreal-based hip-hop artist **GunDei**. His peers call him the “ghetto philosopher”. **GunDei** is a vessel for the pulse of the streets to radiate through his music.



Born Garner Remy, **GunDei** grew up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti during the ‘Baby Doc’ Duvalier dictatorship era of the 1970s and ‘80s. Like many Haitian families during those dangerous times, the Remy family fled the Duvalier regime and settled in Miami in the early 1980s.

GunDei was attracted to the appeal of the Hip-Hop culture that dominated the streets and began to participate in freestyle battles, which helped him hone his lyrical skills.

“I’m a ghetto philosopher. I represent the soul and heartbeat of Canada’s streets.” - GunDei

Raised in the church, **GunDei**’s performance name (pronounced “Gandhi” in honour of the political and spiritual leader) reflects the duality of his experiences growing up in tough inner-city environments: *Gun* symbolizing man in his rough and uncultured form, and *Dei*, meaning “God” or “God-like” in Latin.

Montreal became his permanent home in 1992, and he has been actively involved in the underground Hip-Hop scene ever since. Freestyling and participating in neighbourhood ciphers, dropping hot singles on the college radio circuit, releasing on mix-

tapes, 12” releases and other collaborations.

In 1998, **GunDei** (then known as Grandmaster Garner) dropped the single “The Solution?”, which was a hit on college radio and a mixtape banger. The song held its place in the top 10 on college radio charts alongside established U.S. hip hop artists such as Gangstarr, Talib Kweli and Cannibus.

His debut full-length album, *Ghetto Gospel* (2006), won English album of the year at the 2007 GALAMU Awards, a celebration of the best in Québec Hip Hop.

“A Montreal rap veteran who always attacks the mind before the body, GunDei again hits us off with deep social commentary...Great production by Jude and hard-hitting jewels by GunDei not only make this gospel for the hood but world leaders should cop this and peep the knowledge!”

- cbc.ca Music Review

With tracks licensed for television (including the following series: renegadepress.com, Falcon Beach, Tout Sur Moi) and video games (Street Racing Syndicate), **GunDei** has demonstrated his ability to impact all aspects of the entertainment industry.

He is now ready to take his talents to the next level, with the release of his second album, *Born to B.E.*, which incorporates his spirituality into his rhymes that address the realities and challenges of life in the inner-city.

GUNDEI FACT SHEET

Key Points:

- Winner of English album of the year at the 2007 Gala Musique Urbaine (GALAMU Awards) celebrating the best in Québec Hip Hop
- Influence of Haitian heritage emanates through his music (grew up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti during the 'Baby Doc' Duvalier dictatorship era of the 1970s and '80s; lived in Miami and New Jersey before settling in Montreal in 1992)
- College radio hit, "The Solution" released in 1998
- Has had songs licensed for both television and video games
- Worked with critically-acclaimed producer Haig V. (who has produced with Bran Van 3000, Muzion, DJ A-Trak, Kid Koala)
- Inclusion as hip-hop artist of note in March 1999 issue of The Source Magazine feature *In the Hood: Charting the Streets of the Hip-Hop Nation* segment on MTLiens (Montreal, Canada)
- Active participant and performer in Montreal Massive, live performance series featuring the best of Montreal's urban music scene. Airing on CKUT 90.3, Montreal Massive was a result of collaborations with Gallery Istart, ZooBone Records and CKUT 90.3



Full Length Releases:

GunDei – *Ghetto Gospel*
B.E. Entertainment
2006

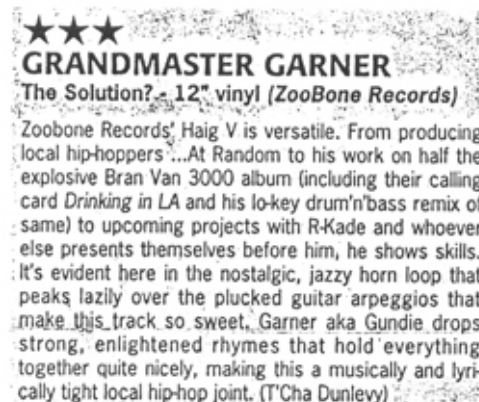
* **winner** of English album of the year at the 2007 GALAMU Awards (for Québec Hip Hop)

GunDei – *Born 2 B.E.*
B.E. Entertainment
Coming late 2007

Singles:

"PropaGunDei" (12")
ZooBone Records
November 1999

"The Solution" (12" maxi single)
ZooBone Records
March 1998



"Ghetto Gospel is a mix of positive vibes and lyrical prowess, where GunDei explores his purpose here on Earth through a series of bumpin' tracks and collabs."

- Montreal Mirror Music Review

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Features:

Manspino: Well Enough to Be Ill
Feat. Ol Etranjj and GunDei
"In My..."
Select Records
February 2005

Sans Pression Presents:
13 Deep Vol. 1
"De sormais" ("From
Henceforth")
Sizzle Records / DEP
August 2004

*100 Strong: Strength of
Hundred*
"Prayer"
High Noon Music/Hombre
Recordings, England
1999

*A Collection of
INDEPENDENT Hip Hop*
"The Solution"
Cup of Tea Records, England
November 1998



Music Review: *"Garner aka GunDei drops strong, enlightened rhymes that hold everything together quite nicely..."*

Television Licensing:

GunDei's single "Mind Over Matter" was licensed to the following television series:
renegadepress.com
Falcon Beach
Tout Sur Moi
It's Your Show (Carson Daly Website)

Video Game Licensing:

Street Racing Syndicate (Namco Hometek Inc.)
Track: "Bottoms Up (Dirty Riding)"
From the Album "Strange Days"
Composed by Haig Vartzbedian, Lyrics by Garner Remy
Performed by GunDei
Published by ZooBone Records Inc.
Appears courtesy of ZooBone Records Inc.

"Exposing societal ills through his rhymes is GunDei's mission and his target, the common man."

- WORD Magazine article, November 1998

GUNDEI'S SELECTED ROSTER OF LIVE PERFORMANCES

GunDei is active on the live performance circuit. He is dedicated to connecting with his fan-base, and to working towards continually building his exposure with Hip-Hop audiences. Below is a selection of some of **GunDei's** recent live performances.

07/ 30/2006

CBC RADIO * CBC TELEVISION * TRIPLE 5 SOUL * BOXFRESH *
InobeProductions' COCO CAFE presents: HEAT!
With host Jason "Steel" Joseph and DJ Franky Selector
Sunday, at PUB QUARTIER LATIN

07/06/2005

Caribbean Jamboree
With Kardinal Offishall, Roi Heenok, Offsides and others
Parc Jean Drapeau, Montreal

04/30/2005

The Ruler's back
Petit cabaret, Montreal

04/23/2005

Es-tu prêt pour celui qui vrai (CD release)
Centre Evangelique, Laval, QC.

06/12/2004

Féxtivité Boreal (French College in Toronto)
951 Carlaw Ave., Toronto

04/08/2004

Live concert: Busta Flex with DJ Kwite Sane, Ray Ray,
Stratège et Cobna, Bad Newz Brown and GunDei
Hosted by Dice B. and Malik Shaheed
Club Aria, Montreal

01/17/2004

Haiti's Bi-centennial independence celebration
Ontario Science Centre, Toronto

07/2000

100 Black 3rd annual seminar: Mos Def & Talib Kweli, Dead Prez, GunDei, Anomalies
Rutgers University, New Jersey, U.S.A.

09/04/1999

3rd Annual Toronto Urban Music Festival
Canadian National Exhibition

12/02/1999

Montreal Massive: GunDei, Al Sham & K.P, At Random, 01 Étranjj, Bad Newz Brown
Le Studio, St. Laurent Street, Montreal

07/31/1998

Northern Exposure
Featuring Black Eyed Peas, Pharoah Monche, 2Rude, Michee Mee, Ghetto Concept, Saukrates,
Choclair, Kardinal Offishall, GunDei, Mizery, Mathematik and Sékou Touré
Opera House, Toronto



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"I have known GunDei for many years and watched him grow has an artist. He's shown me a lot of passion, heart, and desire to strive for success. I believe he is very talented and has something to offer the music industry. Through his numerous performances and releases, he's made an impact over the years."

- David 'Click' Cox, A&R Representative, Universal Music Canada

