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Born in Paris, France, raised in respect, love and rigour between his

Senegalese roots and his country of adoption, SHAKE, born Cheikh Diop,

had developed his talent without his parents knowing : " Music is not a

job ".

Work hardly to school gives you a good job ", " Work hardly gives you

the life you want&nb sp;" they said. After put a pre baketball career

aside (SHAKE is a 6-9 Forward), all these directives and the support of

his brothers and sisters have influenced SHAKE to become the artist he

is today.

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At nineteen years old, SHAKE writes and vocalizes in English, French,

Wolof (senegalese dialect) his poetic lyrics with ability, sincerity,

enthusiasm, desire to well done with a specific voice and dancing flow

inspired by westcoast feelings and rnb melodies. Choicing rap because

he couldn't sing, SHAKE tells stories as though he was a camera shooting our life.

One of his two passions is writing : rap lyrics, rnb lyrics, pop

lyrics, poems, thrillers...the second is producing : he uses rhyming to

express all his feelings. Music is life and Life is music.

SHAKE began his career in music at the age of twelve by performing in

different shows around Paris, France and several mix-tapes practising >his lyrical skills by free styling on well known instrumentals.

"Perform first, be shy after" is SHAKE's motto.

1999 was the real beginning of his solo career (15 years old) with real

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stages in France performing his original songs : people danced and

sang, people would to know who he is...Demos were sent to independent

labels, majors companies in France but he hadn't positive replies.

"After all deception, the Sun rises" said SHAKE and he continued

transposing each deception as a springboard for the success.

Since 2002, SHAKE has gone in United States and has realized one of his

dreams : be acclaimed by US people for his stages in California. The

young lyricist having appreciated this welcome wants to be now the

FIRST AFRICAN to ENTER in US HIP HOP CHARTS. "I am very ambitious, I

want to SHAKE the Charts!!" he says.

Hip hop is a music, therefore it must be musical, pleasant to hear for

the lyrics and the sound productions because Music is pleasure, Music

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is passion, his Passion.

Check out his web site <u>HERE</u>. And watch for more about this unique artist.