### **BLUE PETAL**



Instruments played: Piano/Keyboard Real names Auma Maria Emma Ojok Birth date: 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1990

# Background

Blue Petal is the third born of her family from her dad's side Prof, Lonzy Ojok, and the second born from her mom's side Mrs. Eve Aol Ojok. Hailing from Pader, in Northern Uganda, Blue Petal has always had a romance with words.

### Growth

The name Blue Petal is coined from the first stage name of the lead vocalist, Blue. She first joined the music scene as a back up vocalist, crooning in RnB tracks. But her love for Rock could not be abated.



In late October she met Ricky Lance, a producer who struck a connection with her. He understood her style and together, they produced the hit single, BOUNDLESS, a favorite among Blue's fans.

Later that year, a friend introduced her to a guitarist, Brian Mallengyi and the musical chemistry between them was almost instantaneous. Together they managed to hook a spot performing with the Rock of Ages a rock band based in Kenya and the then Novell Band. Later they

appeared at Kwivuga Poetry session Jazzville in Bugolobi where they shared the stage with Ife, Ike, Pablo, and recognised poetry acts. Also at the Uganda Museum during Open Mic.

In her own words; "Rock meets Poetry!" Blue especially has a love for how words and music marry each other so instinctively.

She has been critically compared to acts like Evanescence, Enya and Mandy Moore, having that rock-ish feel in her music. She believes that although rock has not really caught steam in Uganda, there is still a niche that need to be catered for, "so why not give them rock?"

# Works of Art

Besides music, Blue is devoted to writing. She is a talented novelist and author, often summarizing events around her in simple thought. At times she cuts across as controversial. She hopes to be apart of the force that will change how young people in her country view life, achievement and success. Her slogan is "inspiring hope".

# Causes

She is an avid supporter of gay rights and hopes to see them respected on day in her country. In her own words <u>"I am more positive that even gays will be accepted... and more importantly respected in my country."</u>



# **Other Interests**

Blue Petal has participated in many swimming galas, right from the age of 9years when she first had her international competition in Nairobi, Kenya. She later went on to pursue swimming and has since bagged fourteen medals, thirteen of which she attained in one gala alone at Ndejje University during the All University Games. Her favourite stroke is front crawl although she swims all four strokes.

### Collaborations



Although she started out small, she is becoming a force to reckon with in the music industry, not only on the local scene, but more importantly internationally. She has already been published in US magazines on IXXHiphop.com and had an RnB collabo with Gram Reaper, a rapper from the US that got good critical reviews from her fans.