

Vedo is a 23-year old American singer, songwriter and entertainer most recognized for his stellar performances on season four of NBC's popular talent competition, *The Voice*. Born and raised in Benton Harbor, Michigan, Vedo began singing at the age of 9 when his mother discovered his vocal ability were above average, and impressed anyone who heard his distinct tone, range and perfect pitch. Although his voice was certainly a gift, it was a curse as well, bringing more attention than many of his peers in the form of



admiring girls and fast crowds.



His childhood wasn't easy, moving from place to place, homeless more often than not and as a result, Vedo developed a tough attitude that eventually led to trouble in school, fighting and not achieving his true scholastic potential. So in 2008, Vedo's mother decided he needed a change and encouraged him to move to Atlanta, GA with his father. Vedo did not want to leave his mother and friends behind, however, that decision was a blessing in disguise and an integral part of the journey to his dream.

Upon arriving in a new city filled with talent and opportunity, Vedo's passion for music intensified as well as his focus on academics, becoming an A and B student at Southwest DeKalb High School. He was inspired to delve into his inner songwriter and perfect his vocals; these efforts combined with his natural ability led to Vedo becoming one of the top finalists on *The Voice* and writing songs for major label recording artists and highly acclaimed music producer Troy Taylor.

In addition, Vedo has remained dedicated to honing his skills as an all-around performer, engaging his audience with his physical command of the stage, incorporating cutting edge dance moves and pure passion into every show. In a short period of time, Vedo has garnered the respect of peers and veterans of the music industry alike. Vedo also won "Male Artist of the Year in 2014" and "Video of the Year in 2015" at the Georgia Music Awards. His first single "All I Wanna Do" peaked at #46 on the Urban Mainstream Radio Charts and his second single "Classic" is Peak #38 on the Urban Mainstream Charts and #36 Urban AC in 2015. He also released a mixtape with 12 original songs entitled "93" on October 30th 2015. His latest EP entitled "State of Mind" released April 8th, 2016 debuted at #13 on the iTunes R&B Charts and hit six different Billboard Charts

History has shown many great singers experience adversity at their breakthrough moment and Vedo is no exception. When auditioning for *The Voice*, his mother was

diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer and although she was able to see his blind audition that wowed R&B singer and *The Voice* judge Usher, she sadly passed away one month before his national debut. Many could not have made it past such a difficult time but Vedo used the loss of his mother as his strength, singing his heart out week to week in her honor. And though *The Voice* is behind him, he says "I'm still striving to make her proud...I know she's watching." Ever since this life changing event, he has spent his free time volunteering for campaigns that speak to his own personal experiences such as the *Lung Cancer Alliance*, singing for Atlanta's Channel 11 telethon to assist the Oklahoma Tornado victims, performing for the *Toyz N Tha Hood* Tour in Atlanta with the Hitman DJ's and participating in the *Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry and Homeless* campaign.

Vedo currently signed to his own label New Wav Music Group and resides in Atlanta, GA where he continues to work on his music while lending his melodic voice and life experience through lyric to others.

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