

## **Bose Johnson - Biography**

Bose was born in 1984 and is a Nigerian Togolese singer, song writer and a recording artist. Her name means someone born on Sunday in the Yoruba Language.

### **Early Life**

Bose Elizabeth Johnson professionally known as Bose Johnson and Bose was born in Kano, Nigeria to a Nigerian dad and a Togolese mum.

Her dad was a teacher during the day and a musician at night. It was with his influence, Bose started listening to artist like Isaac Hayes, Majek Fashek, Bob Marley, Lijadu Sisters, and Stevie Wonder. At age 9, Bose would accompany her dad to his band to rehearsal and occasionally perform with the band.

### **Background**

Bose's dad who was a teacher during the day and musician at night decided to quit teaching to pursue music fully due to his love for music. It was at this point that her dad discovered Bose's ability in music. At that point age of 9, Bose would perform with the band occasionally. He then enrolled Bose in a music school to learn how to play keyboard. At age 15, Bose became the keyboardist of his band.

Bose's dad had a large music library which consist of Osibisa, Fela Anikulapo Kuti, The Meters, Bob Marley, Steel Pulse, Ebenezer Obey, etc and it influenced Bose's depth in music.

Bose who was often around guys (fellow members of her dad's the band) turned out a tom-boy, she was never comfortable in the midst of girls, she felt they were slow and not active.

In 1999 Bose and her dad ran into an old friend Oscar Elimbi, one of the brains behind Onyeka Onwenu's music, (guitarist and producer) and he agreed to produce Bose's first album titled Light of My Life. It had eight tracks but the album did not see the light as her father keep the master tape at home for safe keeping then the famous Shariah Riot (religious riot) broke out at that period. Their house, and precious belongings including the master tape were burnt by the protesters.

Due to the heart break and disappointment, Bose's dad died shortly before she was 20.

Bose continued to lead the band for a while then later left music to study Estate Management in Federal Polytechnic Bida in 2004. Bose met Puffy T a producer, who produced Olu Maintain's smash hit Yahooze. He produced Bose's First single Emi a tie, Grover Washington's famous Just the two of us.

She moved to Abuja in 2007 where she met GospeOnDaBeatz who produced her intoxicated single and since then they have been working together. Bose went on to promote her double single, Reign and Intoxicated.

Bose is inspired by musicians like, Angelique Kidjo, Youssou Ndou, Bob Marley, Majek Fashek etc. She is a huge fan of Afro-pop, reggae and soul music. Her own style is a fusion of soul and soft rock with a touch of individuality.

Now resident in the UK, Bose sings with Birmingham band Mondo Royale and continues to pursue her solo career. She has recently released to latest EP, Concoction. Which has the name suggests is a blend of the music styles Bose finds affinity with.