

## SHORT BIOGRAPHY (316 WORDS)

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Musumba is a 16-year-old singer-songwriter of Congolese heritage from Bradford in West Yorkshire who writes lyrics, plays piano and guitar and sings. She describes her art as a fusion of African rhythms with contemporary feminist lyrics, R&B vocals and rap. Since releasing her debut single in June 2019, she has been played multiple times by BBC Introducing, Radio Leeds, Radio 6 Music, Radio 1Xtra and local community radio. She has been a studio guest artist on several shows.

In November 2018 Musumba was invited to open for Mercury Prize-nominated Kate Tempest at the Women of the World Festival in Bradford. Since then she has performed at events including Leeds West Indian Festival, Saltaire Festival and Bradford's Speakers' Corner.

Musumba was chosen to take part in the 'Musical Mashup' feature of BBC Music Day 2019. She wrote a spoken work piece entitled 'Y O U T H', which she delivered over a performance of Elgar's 'Nimrod' by the 50-strong Bradford Youth Orchestra at Bradford's Broadway shopping centre. It was described on Radio Leeds as "the jewel in the crown of BBC Music Day in West Yorkshire".

As a result of BBC Music Day, Musumba was invited to perform at BBC Music Introducing Live in London at the end of October. She attended workshops by some of the BBC's top music broadcasters, networked with hundreds of fellow emerging artists and was broadcast across the entire BBC local radio network and on BBC Radio 6 Music. Since then she has worked with successful Leeds producer Ben Matravers and leading Bradford grime artist and producer Jae Depz, writing and recording several tracks for release in 2020.

With a very strong family and mentoring team around her, Musumba is determined to keep writing and recording music while studying for her GCSEs and to live up to the wonderful support she has received from the BBC and others in the music world.