



Like their namesake dish, [GUMBO Music](#)'s flavour has its origins in many cultures. Kev Hannibal and Nate Wade are two MCs who hail from New York and North Carolina respectively, now based in Sydney, Australia. Hip-Hop is thriving Down Under in 2020, and the rappers have teamed up for an exciting project showcasing their lyrical prowess and individual flair.

Australian audiences are currently being provided a satisfying diet of homegrown drill and trap sounds, allowing GUMBO Music's classic bars, witty punchlines, global outlook and skillful exchanges over expansive production to stand out amid a growing local scene.

"GUMBO Music is a bridge between the U.S. and Australia, we have deep roots in both places," Nate says. "We know fans in both countries and beyond will be receptive to our sound, as will expats worldwide."

"I see us making a huge impact and adding a sense of authenticity to Australian Hip-Hop," adds Kev. "A lot of artists are talking about things they've never seen or done. More power to them, but our music is based on facts and life experience. We hope it will add balance to the scene."

Set for release at the end of 2020, *GUMBO Music: The EP* features six tracks that reflect the duo's effortless rhyme style and musical chemistry. Buzz single "This Is GUMBO" is an ode to the fellas' camaraderie, introducing them as Australia's premier rap tag-team. Its follow-up, the darker "Past Life", depicts the duality of our most profound choices. The pair switch things up once more on "All Night Long", their third single and bonafide summer anthem.

While both artists have dropped a multitude of singles, mixtapes, EPs and albums in their decade-long solo careers, perhaps most compelling is they coincidentally took the same amount of time out from performing to raise their children.

"Nate puts his daughters first like I do," Kev says. "That speaks volumes to me for the way we as African-American men are depicted in society."

"As men, our moral compass is paramount and parallel. We both have daughters, so we're gonna be in jail together in about 10-15 years and we're fine with that, no cap!" Nate jokes.

Even before this year's global pandemic, it was already getting harder for industry executives and music fans alike to tell the difference between one-hit wonders and career artists, thanks to the rise of streaming and social media. GUMBO Music promises not to be one of these acts having a singular viral moment with a big record, the duo focused on their longevity and staying power. Over the past 12 months, more than 50 Australian albums have cracked the Top 10 on the ARIA chart, and 10 homemade LPs have gone to number one. With these numbers in mind, GUMBO Music is ready to celebrate their own local and international success.