

Blake Francis

When I was 14 years old I had heard a song that one of my family members had made with his friends. I was so surprised at how professional it sounded I knew then and there that I wanted to be a part of their movement.

For several months I would practice writing songs and developing my flow so that I could approach my cousin and show him my skills. Months had passed, and I finally was confident enough with my lyrics to perform for him. As nervous as I was I did it and he was amazed. He told me I had a talent that not many people my age have and that he wants to record a song with me as soon as possible.

It took about a month or two before we recorded a song. Once we recorded it we flooded the reservation with my debut song. Everybody loved it and I immediately started getting attention by people from other areas.

After a year passed I picked up the recording program and learned how to use it on my own. I started making my own songs, and collaborating with other talented artists on different reserves such as Beatz, and IllFundz. This is where I captured the attention of people on their reserve and I became well known all over the province.

In 2008 I was introduced to Youtube, and I started broadcasting my music. In two years I had reached over 100,000 views which caught the attention of the biggest production company on the east coast of Canada. Brookes Diamond Productions had asked me to audition for them, and when I did they asked if I have the time to live in Halifax for a month. I agreed without hesitation and I got the audition! We rehearsed a show called "Mi'kmaq Nation" for a month so that we could perform it at the Membertou 400 pow wow. There we opened up for the legendary Buffy Saint Marie. I recorded my first music video at the pow wow grounds and haven't stopped my musical journey ever since.