

**Young acts don't meet my standards for collabo — Ambolley**

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**Salma Mumin**

*Actress Salma Mumin has graced our screens with her roles in movies such as 'Seduction', 'No Apology', 'College Girls', 'Leave my wife', 'The Will' and 'No Man's Land.'*

*Today, Graphic Showbiz celebrates the beautiful actress who is a recipient of many awards including Best International New Actress at the '2014 Papyrus Magazine Screen Actors Awards' and Best Actress in a Leading Role at the '2019 Ghana Movie Awards.'*



**Poor mental health can push creatives into drugs**

**— Psychologist**

By Gifty Owusu-Amoah & Jessica Love Otoo

**A** CLINICAL psychologist, Dr Isaac Newman Arthur, is calling on entertainers to seek professional care for the

well-being of their mental health to avoid drug abuse in solving the pressures of their work.

According to him, many creatives were at the mercy of the tormenting

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**I don't do music for awards**

**— King Promise**

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## EDITORIAL

# Time to put brakes on road tragedies

THE alarming rate of road crashes, claiming countless lives and leaving in its trail grief across the nation, deserves national attention and discussion.

From high-ranking personalities to the average Ghanaian, it seems no one is immuned to the devastating consequences of these road crashes.

However, it appears road crashes only become a relevant matter when it claims lives of public figure, showbiz personalities among others. And once again,

conversations about road crashes have been resurrected following singer Wendy Shay's involvement in a road crash at midnight on Sunday, September 9 on the Kwabenya road in Accra.

Wendy Shay was just lucky to have escaped from the claws of death but same cannot be said of celebrities such as Suzzy Williams, Terry Bonchaka, Kwame Owusu Anshah and Ebony Reigns, who lost their lives through

horrifying crashes.

These tragedies are stark reminders of how our roads have become death traps for commuters and as a result, lives are needlessly lost.

As a country, we cannot continue to tread on this perilous path and Graphic Showbiz believes it's about time stakeholders rose to the occasion to change the negative narrative.

One of the most urgent issues that demand attention is our road infrastructure. Our roads have deteriorated to a point where they pose a significant threat to all road users. Potholes, inadequate signage, and poorly lit and maintained highways are all factors contributing to the high rate of fatalities and injuries.

Graphic Showbiz is also calling for concerted efforts for education and promotion of safe driving practices among Ghanaians.

Road safety campaigns, targeting both experienced drivers and new licence

holders, can play a pivotal role in imbibing the right behaviours in drivers.

These campaigns should emphasise the importance of adhering to speed limits, avoiding distracted driving, and obeying traffic rules.

Law enforcement agencies must also play their part by cracking down on reckless driving, drink driving, and overloading of vehicles. Strict penalties and consistent enforcement will deter undisciplined behaviour on the roads.

Losing our celebrities to road crashes brings devastating pain on the creative industry.

With their wide-reaching influence, Graphic Showbiz believes Ghana's entertainment industry must take an active role in promoting road safety.

Celebrities can use their platforms to raise awareness of the consequences of irresponsible driving and encourage their fans to be responsible road users.



## Irene Opare

I SAW a post on social media celebrating veteran actress Irene Opare on her 57th birthday which fell on Sunday, September 10.

Wow, I can't imagine that the beautiful young lady I watched on the screens growing up is already in her 50s.

Irene Opare has really aged well and I pray that I also look very good in my 50s.

It has also been a long time I saw her in movies. Auntie Irene, come back to acting because we really miss your "action moves" in films. You played such roles best.

Maame Botchway, Kasoa



## Sarkodie

THERE'S this new trend of award winning rapper, Sarkodie always holding a cigar in his pictures.

Please, I want to know if that is fashion or part of a new brand he is building.

It's important for Sarkodie to know that he is a huge

personality that many young people look up to and displaying such lifestyles is a slur on the "good boy" image he has built over the years.

I don't know what the motivation is for flaunting such pictures but I don't think it's cool.

Nana Osei, Tesano

## Wendy Shay

THANK God for saving the life of Wendy Shay when she was involved in an accident.

I was really frightened when I woke up to the unfortunate news that my favourite artiste nearly lost her life on Sunday.

Reports from Wendy Shay's Ruff Town Record label has assured that she is responding to treatment. I pray for her full recovery.

Nii Ankrab, Tesbie

