

**God has
been good**

—Obaapa Christy

• Page 3

Not ready for govt diss song

— **Barima Sidney**

By Jayne Buckman-Owoo

AFRICA Money, Donkomi and Enko Yie are songs Hiplife musician Barima Sidney had dissed previous regimes when the going got tough for the country but he has been unusually quiet in recent times despite the harsh economic conditions.

He is however serving notice he could spring a surprise with a song to highlight the current socio-economic issues

• Continued on page 3

**Taking it a
notch:
Congrats to
these young
artists**

• Page 19

**When Ghana
thrilled Japan
with music**

• Page 17

• Gospel Artiste Obaapa Christy

EDITORIAL

Customer Service Notice

Customers with complaints about any of our products and services can reach our Customer

Relation Desk on the hotline 0302-665209 and/or email: customer.relation@graphic.com.gh

Check us on social media



Post your letters to The Editor, Graphic Showbiz, Box 742, Accra or email showbiz@graphic.com.gh

@GraphicShowbiz-Twitter
GraphicShowbiz-Facebook
GraphicShowbiz-Instagram
WhatsApp@ 0240778497

Big congrats, Obaapa Christy

OBAAPA Christy, formerly known as Christiana Love, first came onto the music scene in 2002 with her debut album, *Mete Ase*.

Since then, the Gospel artiste has climbed the ladder of success and caught the attention of Gospel music enthusiasts in Ghana and beyond the shores of the country with her craft.

With songs such as *Bribia, S3 W'amma, Mawon Ssane, Memma Me Werenfi, Aseda, Hyebre Sesafo, Wa Gye Me*, Obaapa Christy warmed her way into the hearts of people and continues to remain a favourite in the Gospel music fraternity.

In addition to making hits especially at the beginning of her career, Obaapa Christy has gone on to earn rave reviews for her work, dropped 12 albums

with the newest, *The Glory*, released last year.

She is a recipient of Gospel Artiste of the Year and Song of the Year awards at the 2007 Ghana Music Awards.

In 2018, she was adjudged Artiste of the Year at the maiden National Gospel Music Awards. That's not all, Obaapa Christy was also honoured by former President John Agyekum Kufour in 2008 for serving Ghana with her music talent.

It's been two decades of her presence on the music scene and she has announced the celebration of her 20 years anniversary in music with a concert in September.

At a press launch on Thursday, July 21, she said it was a fulfilling moment to live her childhood dream of being a

Gospel artiste to impact society.

Obaapa Christy's 20-year journey has not been all rosy particularly when her marital crisis served a major setback to her blossoming career at the time.

She took a break for a number of years and came back rebranded with a change of name from Christiana Love to Obaapa Christy.

Graphic Showbiz believes her resolve to come back at a time when all the odds seemed to be against her is a reassurance for rising female artistes to be determined even in the face of challenges.

Congratulations! Obaapa Christy. Thank you for serving Ghana with good music for 20 years. Ayekoo.



Abiana

I HAVE followed this young lady Abiana since she came onto the music scene a couple of years ago and I must say she is really doing well for herself.

She has such an amazing voice which she brings to bear in her songs and her live performances are always breathtaking.

I was not surprised when she won the Best Female Vocal Performance at last year's *Vodafone Ghana Music Awards*. She really deserved it little wonder she was nominated in the same category again this year at the *VGMA*.

I hope she has a very good management team in place who can take her career to the next level and also ensure that she goes further to the international scene.

It is absolutely refreshing to see her do the theme song for this year's *Ghana's Most Beautiful*, it is a very beautiful song she did with the contestants.

Keep up the good work Abiana, more wins for you.

Angela Quartey,
Teshie Nungua Estates

Sally Frimpong Mann

WHAT on earth was Sally up to ranting the way she did on Agyemang's show on *Power FM* about Nana Ama McBrown?

Does she have personal issues to settle with her former boss Nana Ama McBrown? Why would she go on the way she did saying all she said about Nana Ama?

I think it is about time some of these radio and TV pundits are brought to check because some of them really do unethical things.

To think she even had the guts to suggest that

Nana Ama McBrown should quit hosting *United Showbiz*? What has that got to do with anything?

I was really furious as I was listening to her and all I did was to ask myself what Nana Ama has done to this young woman?

I believe people should be measured in their utterances on the airwaves, they should know what to say and what not to because they could destroy people in the process.

A word to the wise is enough.

Maa Rose,
Adenta



Yvonne Okoro

WHERE is my lovely and sweet Yvonne Okoro? She seems to have been missing in action for some time now?

I don't remember seeing her in any movie this year or I am not searching hard enough?

Yvonne, you have been missed. Let's see your beautiful face and sweet smile.

Yvonne Okoro is one actress who

has carved a niche for herself in the movie industry. She has had a controversy free career which is very commendable.

She has featured in a lot of productions especially from the camp of Shirley Frimpong-Manso's Sparrow Pictures.

I really admire her and looking forward to seeing more of her in the coming months. Cheers, Yvonne.

Martin Armaah,
Akosombo