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LASZLO VAN LEEUWEN

*Hip Hop Artist & Producer
That Escaped The Matrix
& Embraced The Jungle*



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INTRODUCTION

The Bug Bit Young

Laszlo Van Leeuwen is an alternative hip-hop artist, music producer and designer currently based in South Africa.

Known to his 50K+ social media followers as 'Jungle Laz' due to having spent years living in deep jungles, Laszlo produces music and visual art at the intersection of hip hop, spirituality, nature and self-discovery.

Fans have described him as *'the offspring that would happen if Eminem, Burna Boy and Kanye West had a gay three-way that produced a spiritually enlightened baby.'*

(It's an outrageous description - but not inaccurate.)

Born in Utrecht, The Netherlands, to an anthropologist father and a social worker mother, Laszlo left the country just nine days after birth, growing up across Africa and Asia and eventually travelling to 20+ countries.

The music bug bit at 13 in Ghana, where he won rap battles against senior students, performed at shows and recorded his first mixtapes in studios around Accra - writing, producing and designing the visuals himself.

He then moved to South Africa, went on to produce 200+ songs, and at 18, moved back to the Netherlands and applied to a prestigious music academy. However, they rejected him, finding his style too eccentric.

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Escaping The Matrix

Instead, Laszlo returned to South Africa and attended two different music academies there: Cape Audio College and SAE (School of Audio Engineering) in Cape Town.

As his final creative project for SAE, Laszlo founded a hip hop record label. Through the label, he released music, developed artists, collaborated with award-winning talent, performed for thousands and appeared on national radio and TV for audiences of millions.

Alongside music, Laszlo built a career in visual art and design, working with Warner Bros., Mercedes-Benz, Harley-Davidson, Red Bull, MTN, and more, contributing to products and campaigns that reached hundreds of millions worldwide.

However, eventually, success wasn't enough - there was a deeper itch to scratch.

Laszlo became a digital nomad and spent years exploring and living across the jungles of South & Central America, working alongside shamans, psychics, artists and musicians from all walks of life. This is where he became Jungle Laz - and where he also contracted the flesh-eating parasite that gave him a renewed urgency to create.





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Laszlo's
Crib

INTRODUCTION

When The Jungle 'Carves' Her Mark

Towards the end of 2023, [Laszlo made newspaper headlines](#) when news broke that he and his family were facing a horrific challenge deep in the Costa Rican jungle.

Laszlo, his partner and their two young daughters had all contracted Leishmaniasis - a flesh eating parasite transmitted by sandflies that causes severe, destructive lesions.

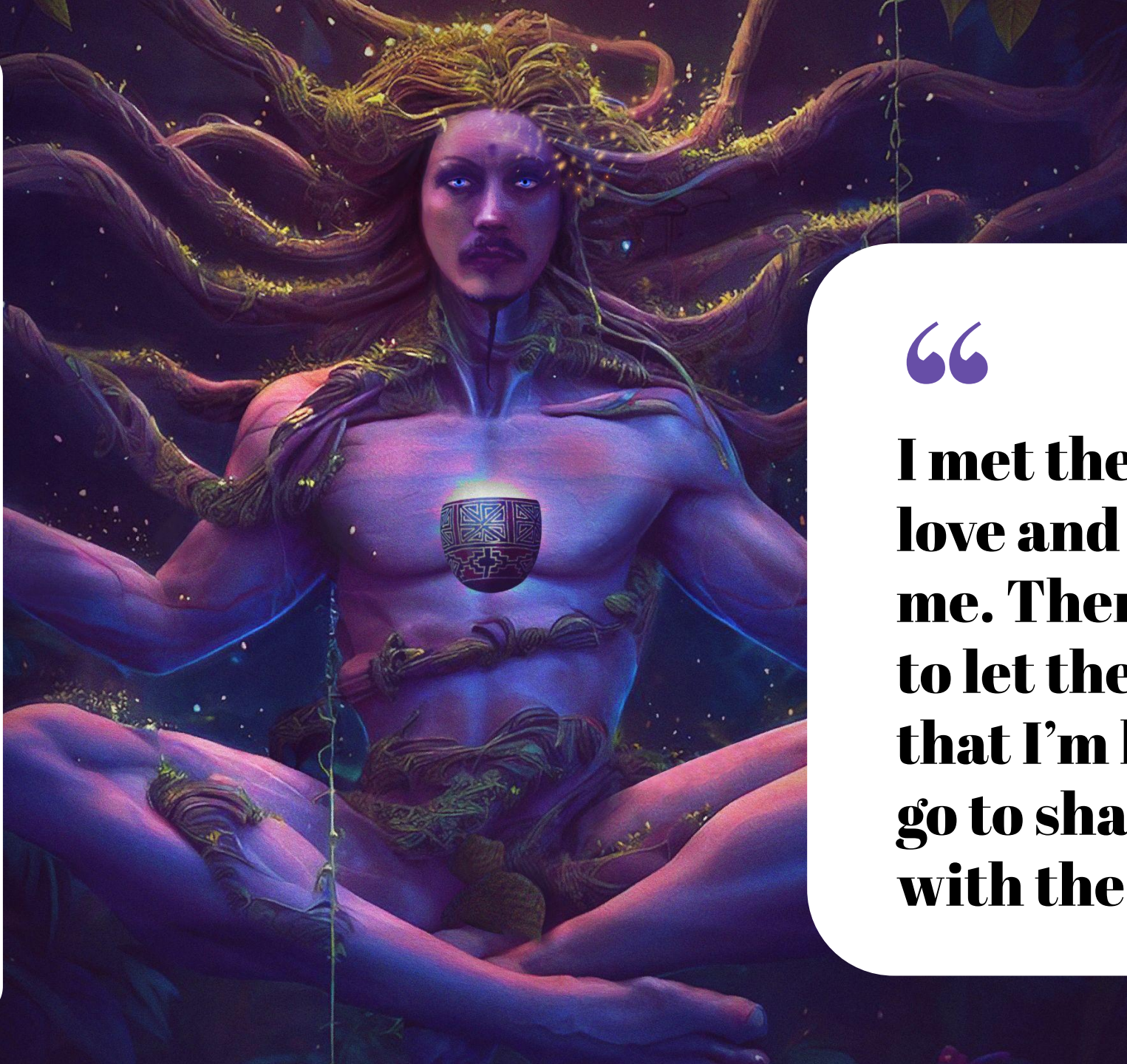
With 14 lesions developing across his body, and his young family affected too, Laszlo made the difficult decision to leave the jungle and return to South Africa for treatment and recovery.

For many, being forced to leave a place they had come to call paradise would be devastating. Laszlo chose to see it differently:

"I met the jungle, we fell in love and she awakened me. Then she marked me to let the world know that I'm hers, and let me go to share our creations with the world."



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The Jungle Boy

Now, still battling the parasite, Laszlo is releasing music at an unprecedented pace. In 2026 alone, he has released 4 five-track EPs alongside six self-produced music videos, and there's another three EPs coming this year.

On the very first of these EPs, is Laszlo's new single - titled 'Jungle Boy' - fully written, recorded and produced by him with a live band in the Costa Rican jungle in 432hz, nature's healing frequency.

'Jungle Boy' is Laszlo expressing himself freely; far away from the boxes previously imposed on him by the music industry, society or himself.

"Jungle Boy is a special one", Laszlo states; "It is an ode to how the jungle changes you. It becomes a part of you, and expresses itself through you. And once it's a part of you, it'll always be a part of you."

Laszlo filmed footage for the 'Jungle Boy' music video over the span of two years, in the Costa Rican jungle where he lived with his partner and two young daughters.



JUNGLE BOY - OFFICIAL MUSIC VIDEO

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Discography

LASZLO'S RELEASES



THE HIGH ROAD

5-track EP

Laszlo's 4th EP of 2026, with more of a spiritual theme.



LETTERS TO MY LOVE

5-track EP

Laszlo's 2nd EP of 2026, consisting of tracks about his baby mama, children and exes.



INESCAPABLE INFATUATION

5-track EP

Laszlo's 3rd EP of 2026, with each track discussing a different type of infatuation.



WHEN LIONS AWAKEN

5-track EP

Laszlo's 1st EP of 2026, revolving all around the awakening process.



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Discography

LASZLO'S RELEASES



JUNGLE BOY

Single

Laszlo's major debut single inspired by time spent in deep jungles. The official music video was filmed in Costa Rica.



THE PURPLE LIGHT DISTRICT

13-track Mixtape

The memoirs of Laszlo's Ayahuasca-inspired metamorphosis.



DOAP: DREAMS OF A POET

24-track Mixtape

The memoirs of Laszlo's youth, currently exclusively available on his website.



THE FREE COUNTRY

6-track Mixtape

Mixtape made up of mostly freestyled tracks.



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Notable Achievements

STREAMS & FOLLOWERS

1,000,000+ online streams.
50,000+ online followers.

RELEASES

Released catalogue is **4 EPs, 3 singles, 2 mixtapes & 1 instrumental project**; total **68 songs**.
Recorded 211 unreleased songs.
Written 280 unrecorded songs.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Performances in South Africa, Ghana and Costa Rica, ranging from intimate venues of 50 people to large **outdoor shows with 4,000+ people** at world renown locations like Kirstenbosch Gardens.
Live **performances with Mose, Jimmy Thomas and more.**

COLLABORATIONS

Collaborations with 40+ top artists and producers from around the world, including **Grammy Award winning producers, MTV Award winning artists, and an Idols winner.**

TV APPEARANCES

National TV features in South Africa, for **live television audiences from 500,000 to 3,000,000 people.**
Guest **appearance on Discovery Channel's 'Game On' TV show.**

FOUNDED

Founder of 3PM - the first web3 music platform that pays both music creators & their fans in crypto.
Founder of LZLO - a **creative agency** with clients around the world.
Founder of The Jungle Bunker - an **underground music studio** based in the Drakensberg, South Africa.
Co-founder of The House of Waves event venue & **music studio** in Costa Rica.

RADIO

Radio features and playlistings on **national & regional radio stations across Southern Africa.**
5 live radio performances with world renown hip hop DJ, **DJ Ready D.**

MEDIA FEATURES

Features in digital and print media across Africa.
Featured on 'Top 50 Underground' **mixtape hosted by Sean Kingston**, released in the United States (with the single 'Skate, Smoke, Rap').

EDUCATION

Higher Certificate in Music Production from SAE (School of Audio Engineering),
Received 92% mark on final creative project.
Certificate in Electronic Music Production from Cape Audio College.



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Notable Collaborations



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Music Producer

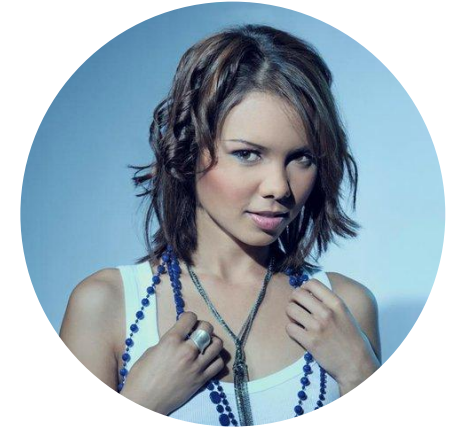
Certified Platinum,
Grammy Award nominated,
Producer for Eminem, D12, Snoop
Dogg, 50 Cent, Rick Ross and more.



JOHNNY JULIANO

Music Producer

Certified Platinum,
Grammy Award nominated,
MTV Award nominated,
Producer for T-Pain, Wiz Khalifa,
Drake, Schoolboy Q, and more.



JODY WILLIAMS

Recording Artist

Winner of Idols South Africa;
Holds record of winning Idols with
the highest percentage of votes
ever recorded.



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Notable Collaborations



YOUNGSTA CPT

Recording Artist

One of South Africa's most popular hip hop artists, Recipient of 5 SA Hip Hop awards.



CHAD SAIMAN

Recording Artist

One of South Africa's top pop artists, known across the country.



AMY TJASINK

Recording Artist

International singer-songwriter, Finalist on The Voice South Africa.



Endorsements

BRANDS WHICH HAVE WORKED
WITH LASZLO ON CAMPAIGNS
AND/OR PROJECTS



MusicTime[®]



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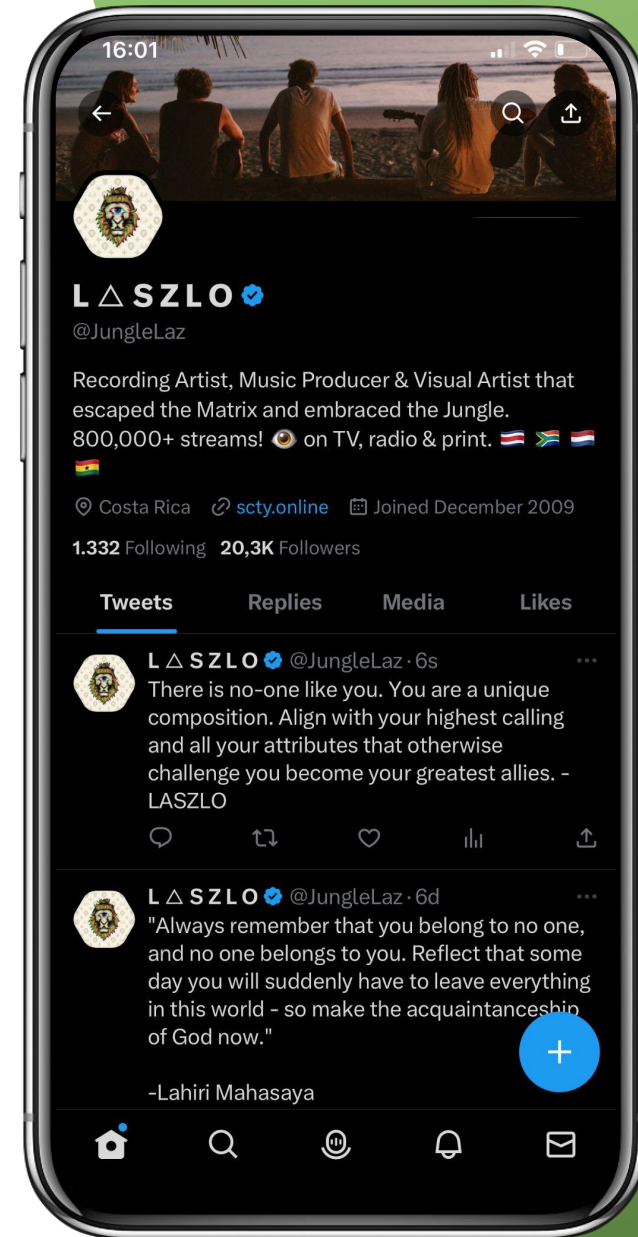
OTHER LINKS:

www.junglelaz.net - Laszlo's official music website

www.laszlovanleeuwen.com - Laszlo's personal portal to all his projects

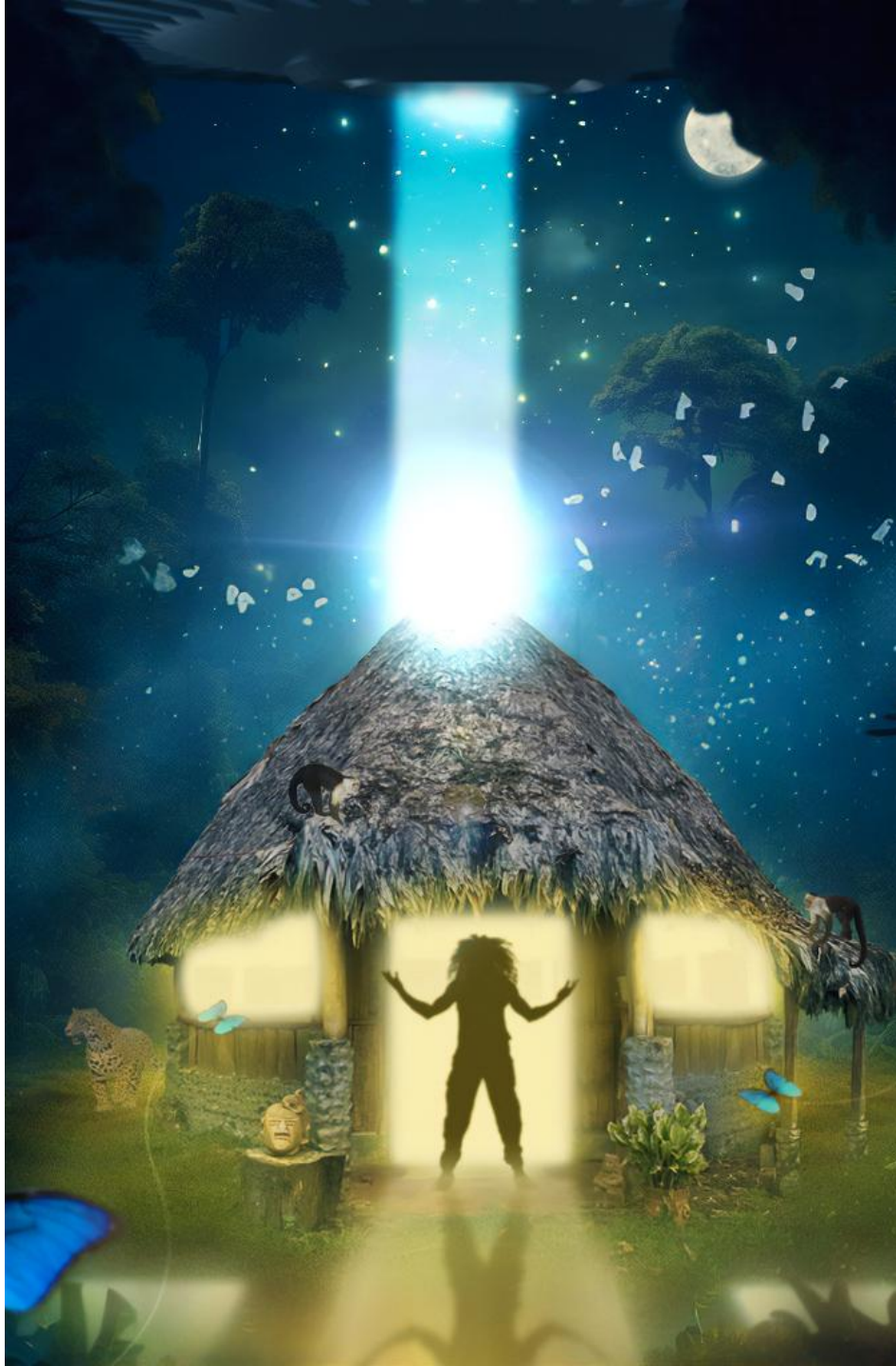
www.LZLO.org - Laszlo's creative agency

www.3PM.to - Laszlo's web3 music platform





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Much love,

LAZLO