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| **RISING UK STAR DONEL RELEASES WARNER RECORDS DEBUT EP *AFRICAN BOY PT. 1*****LISTEN**[HERE](https://donel.lnk.to/AfricanBoyPt1)**DONEL DISPLAYS MAJOR MOVES IN NEW****“MOTION” VIDEO****WATCH** [HERE](https://donel.lnk.to/Motion)  |

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| **April 9, 2021 (Los Angeles, CA) –** Today, rising Zimbabwean UK sensation **Donel** releases his debut EP, **African Boy Pt. 1**, a three-song set of pure joy and light, on **Artistry Records/Warner Records**. After fine-tuning his sound over the past few years, the 19-year-old former The Voice UK favorite is reintroducing himself with a unique blend of airy Afrobeats production and sticky pop hooks. Listen [HERE](https://donel.lnk.to/AfricanBoyPt1). No matter who’s listening, there’s something on **African Boy Pt. 1** to fit their needs. **Donel**’s warm vocals transport you to a block party in summer, dancing with friends and family. The vibrant string-plucks and the positivity of “**Motion**” offer a jolt of energy that’ll brighten your day. And on the suave “**Savage**,” his playboy persona takes over. “I wanna know where we can rendezvous / Don’t believe what them boys’ sayin’, I got what you need,” he teases over the rumbling drums.  In the video for “Motion,” **Donel** moves through an average day in his hometown with a smile on his face and a skip in his step, literally dancing his troubles away. The young crooner displays a swag and sensibility that’s utterly captivating and extremely entertaining. Watch him work in the video [HERE](https://donel.lnk.to/Motion).  **Donel** sounds more confident than ever on his first project for Warner Records- taking full advantage of a fresh start and new partnership via Artistry Records. **African Boy Pt. 1** isn’t just a debut — it’s a celebration of years of hard work and perseverance. It’s no wonder Prince Harry (among Donel’s many early followers) dubbed Donel a “star of the future” way back in 2018. And it doesn’t take long to feel just how heart-melting his vocals are. With more music on the way soon, African Boy Pt. 1 is just the first chapter of a thrilling story.**AFRICAN BOY PT. 1 TRACKLIST:**1. Motion2. Savage3. Awake |

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| [DOWNLOAD PRESS PHOTO HERE](https://press.warnerrecords.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/DONEL1471--scaled.jpg)PHOTO CREDIT: Ray Fiasco**ABOUT DONEL:**Born and raised in Zimbabwe, 19-year-old singer Donel has spent the last few years honing his unique pop vision, seamlessly blending Top 40 and R&B with the sounds he grew up listening to, like Afropop. The world first met Donel in 2018 on The Voice, when he won over the judges with his captivating vocals and charming personality. A self-taught dancer, he grooved his way to the finals, stealing hearts across the globe after sharing a dance with his grandmother on stage. That same year, Donel released his first hit, “Bang Like a Drum,” a misty party-starter that quickly garnered over 4 million streams. Soon after he released follow-up “Planets,” his mother suggested he finish school, and for months he kept a grueling schedule, waking up early for driving lessons, and riding a 2-hour evening train to London so he could record at night. Ever since, Donel has spent every second carving out his new sound. His heart-melting voice caught the ears of Walshy Fire and Mr. Eazi, and in 2020, he released the flirty “Wish You Well” on Eazi’s emPawa Africa label. Artistry Records CEO Max Gousse was so blown away by Donel’s talent that he and A&R Monica Payne quickly signed him to their Warner Records venture. On his upcoming EP, African Boy Pt.1, we get a taste of what’s to come: basslines that will make you move, drums that’ll loop in your head, and smooth lyrics tailor-made for swooning |

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