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OMAH LAY

Omah Lay's 'Moving' Story Behind His New Single, Working With Tyla & Justin Bieber & More | Billboard News

Omah Lay is making waves and an impact in the Afrobeats genre. The singer shares his "Moving" story behind his latest single, working with Tyla and Justin Bieber and how his move to London from Lagos further contributed to the vision. He also talks about his new album, 'Clarity of Mind,' what he hopes his fans can take away from the album and more!

Tetris Kelly:

Hey, it's Tetris with Billboard News, and I'm hanging out with Omah Lay. How's it going my man?

Omah Lay:

I'm good. It's going well, how are you doing?

I'm good. Man, I gotta tell you, congrats on the new single, "Moving." Tell me about this song and what was the inspiration behind it.

"Moving" is the second single off of my next project. It was all inspired by by moving to a new place. I actually have not been spending a lot of time in Lagos recently. I've been spending a lot of time in London, especially making the album. It's just a new environment being able to move from one place to another, to be your police then.

And tell me about the music video for the song. How involved are you in the visuals and what kind of story did you want to tell?

I mean, recently, I've been emphasizing on telling the story of my music through the music videos. For "Moving" I am telling the story of how illegal immigrants travel to Europe through the desert, through Sahara, because the thing about Nigerians from Edo traveling, trying to get to Europe illegally, and going through the desert, and a lot of them don't make it through and stuff. So yeah, that was just the story. That was what inspired the video for "Moving."

Oh, man, that's incredible now. I like that, you're able to take kind of your life experience and apply it with something else that's from your region, that kind of, give you that story.

I mean, I think it is, if it is something, it is the story of the whole world, like me, also having a Nigerian passport is very difficult. Traveling where it's like, I'm just looking for peace. I'm looking for a place to call, of course, I have my home, but like, you know, I'm just looking for that place to like, feel accepted and stuff, because home is really bad where we can't stay at home and like, enjoy the common things that is being provided by even God, by nature, which is like, what being able to live freely. It's difficult in Lagos, so I feel like I'm telling the story of the whole world, where everybody's looking for some place to find peace of mind, some place to just call home and feel relaxed.

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