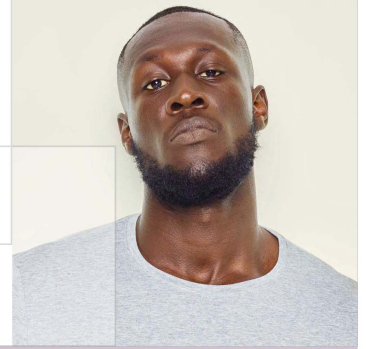


# MICHAEL EBENEZER KWADJO OMARI OWUO JR (AKA STORMZY)



Michael Ebenezer Kwadjo Omari Owuo Jr, better known by his artist name Stormzy, is an English rapper who made his name through grime music, where he was first recognised for his *Wicked Skengman* freestyling in the UK Underground music scene. His presence in the industry grew from there, and in 2018 he won his first BRIT awards, for British Album of the Year and British Male Solo Artist of the Year.

His career has provided him with a platform as a political activist. He has used his influence and acclaim to champion various important causes, including earlier this year donating £500,000 to charity for disadvantaged Black students. With his artist label #Merky, he has pledged 10 million pounds, over 10 years, to organisations, charities and movements that are committed to fighting racial inequality, justice reform and Black empowerment within the UK. Stormzy states the brand is used: "to elevate, support and amplify the issues and the voices of the Black community."

Champion

Black excellence

Grime music

political  
activist

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"Stormzy goes beyond being a 'typical' rap artist by being a vocal political activist as well as championing Black excellence in all forms. His songs are empowering to Black kings and queens (as *Superheroes* showcases) and he truly stands as a strong figure for racial equality in the UK."