## **Mp3 Shanelle Gabriel - Start Something**



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A dynamic fusion of music, spoken word poetry, and soulful R&B singing featuring accappella, live, and studio recorded tracks. Imagine: thought-provoking words AND great music. WOW. 14 MP3 Songs SPOKEN WORD: Poetry, URBAN/R&B: Soul Details: Shanelle Gabriel is a 23-year-old spoken word and singing virtuoso. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY she has displayed her skills on colleges and at venues across the country. She performed the Promo Opening and featured on 2007's sixth season of HBO's Def Poetry Jam and recorded a nationally televised promo for the 2007 NFL Draft. Greatly influenced by Lauryn Hill, Jill Scott, Richard Smallwood, and Stevie Wonder for their emphasis on lyrics and creativity, her tenacity has allowed her to produce an amazing first album, "Start Something." This album fuses Shanelle's love of spoken word poetry with her soulful, sultry singing. "Start Something" presents a variation of styles and strays from the monotony of the stereotypical poetry CD. Whether it's the upbeat pop bonus track 'Open Like That', the old school Adidas-style hip hop title track 'Start Something', or the spirit-filled 'I Feel Like Going On', there's a song for everyone to connect with. Shanelle's vibrant personality and sincerity shines through each word and melody she effortlessly releases. She shares a part of herself in each verse, addressing a plethora of topics ranging from current events to vivid stories from past experiences. Her work varies from serious to humorous (sometimes a little bit of both) featuring live, studio accappella, and band-accompanied tracks that will touch your heart. hanelle got her early start showcasing her talents in church where she is still very active. Later, she acted in productions of The Vagina Monologues and Macbeth. At the Utica College Auditorium she performed as both a singer and actress while earning her B.A. in Communication Arts. She was a Def Jam College promoter and a leading radio personality on WPNR 90.7 FM. In the summer of 2004, Shanelle was diagnosed with SLE Lupus. Yet she decided that her health would not be something that would limit her success. Using that

as her fuel, she decided that she would pursue her dream of being a performing artist as well as encourage others who have obstacles in their path to do the same. She states, "My battle with Lupus has been tedious, but God has a plan. That plan does not include giving up on life. I want to be a testimony to others that no matter what, faith and determination can accomplish any goal." Shanelle presently hosts Open Thursdays every week in Harlem. She also facilitates creative writing workshops throughout New York City and promotes Lupus awareness. Her amazing debut album, "Start Something" fuses Shanelle's skill at spoken word poetry with her soulful, sultry singing. Using her upbeat pop, old school hip-hop, and inspirational soul sound, Shanelles vibrant personality shines through each word and melody she shares. "Every time I perform, I aim to plant a seed in someone, a new perspective. This is more than just standing on a stage simply reading my work or singing a tune. This is me sharing me." For info and for booking, email shanellegabriel@gmail.com. shanellegabriel.com myspace.com/shanelleg

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