

**Music Promotion Media Presents:**

**TIMZ**  
(Male RAP Artist)



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## Artist Overview

**Artist's Name:** TIMZ (Tommy Hanna)

**Genre:** Hip Hop / Rap

**Capacity:** Unsigned Male Artist

**Age:** 23

**Location:** USA

**Tracks on Demo:** 1) Iraq  
2) Open For Business

**Artist's Website:** [www.TIMZonline.com](http://www.TIMZonline.com)  
[www.myspace.com/timz](http://www.myspace.com/timz)

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### Music Video:



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"Iraq" winner of Best Music Video at the 2007 Hollywood Film Festival

- "Iraq" winner of The Freshmen on MTVu.
- Nominated for 'Best Hip-Hop Album' at 2006 San Diego Music Awards.
- Ranked amongst the "Top 10 Middle Eastern Rappers" by NOX Magazine.
- Number 4 Most Added at Hip Hop College Radio Stations 9/27/06 (CMJ Hip Hop Adds List).
- Registered at #1 for 6 straight weeks at Pennsylvania's WRKC.
- Landed in the Top 10 at 16 college radio stations (USA)
- Winner of TheBeat.fm's Summer Bash 2006 Music Contest.
- Added to the "Make Hip Hop Not War" National Tour with Papoose and Killer Mike.

## **Biography**

**SAN DIEGO BASED RAPPER  
TIMZ  
LAUNCHES HIS AMERICAN DREAM WITH “IRAQ,”  
THE INCENDIARY, POLITICALLY CHARGED FIRST SINGLE  
FROM HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL, STEREOTYPE BUSTING INDIE DEBUT  
‘OPEN FOR BUSINESS’**

On his fiery debut CD, **TIMZ**—aka Tommy Hanna, an American born rapper of Chaldean and Iraqi descent—gets right up in our faces, mixing explosive, Middle Eastern tinged beats with incendiary rhymes in an effort to shatter those ugly stereotypes that have plagued people who look like him since 9/11 and the start of the Iraq war.

Make no mistake, the title of his powerful, outspoken and heavy grooving 14- track collection—a nominee for Best Hip-Hop Album at the 2006 San Diego Annual Music Awards—says it all: the San Diego born and bred artist is ***Open For Business***. “The concept of the album is a day in the life,” TIMZ says. “That’s what I am, open for business all the time. I am at work and if I wasn’t at work I was at school and if I wasn’t at school I was in the studio rapping.

TIMZ is on an intense mission to help Americans understand that Chaldeans, who are Catholic by faith, date back to Iraq since the ancient times of Mesopotamia and the flourishing times of Babylon. “The only remnants from that Iraq and the Iraq that we see now are the rivers. “That’s it, everything else has changed,” he says.

“They lump us into one big group of Bin Ladens and Saddam Husseins walking around. But we’re hard working people who love this country.”

While TIMZ—a recent graduate of University San Diego-- has been the pride of his hometown’s 20,000 Chaldean community for years, the reaction to “Iraq” across the country is giving him some well deserved cred as a national artist.

Earlier in 2006, he and manager Alvin Shamoun, both principals in TIMZ’s independent label V.I.G. Productions, sent out CDs to 300 college stations across the country; within days, over 280 of those were putting the song into regular rotation. “Iraq” was #4 Most Added on the CMJ College Pop Radio Stations Chart, and hit #1 on 11 reporting stations everywhere from New York to California to Florida.

In 2007, TIMZ released the politically charged video for the critically acclaimed single “Iraq.” In no time, the controversial music video was garnering international media attention from the likes of MTV News, FOX News’ Hannity & Colmes, Mancow’s Morning Madness, Al Jazeera, French TV, Russian National TV and over 10,000 internet and blog sites.

## Media Coverage

TIMZ has achieved wide coverage on television or on radio. Some of these clips are available on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

<u><a href="#">News Media</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Web links</a></u>
 <p><b>MTV News Appearance</b> 7<sup>th</sup> March 07</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here to play Interview</a></p>
 <p><b>Al Jazeera English Appearance</b> 20<sup>th</sup> March 07</p>	<p><a href="#">Click here - Al Jazeera English Appearance</a></p>
 <p><b>KGTV's Channel 10 News</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click here - 10 News Appearance</a></p>
 <p><b>FOX News Clip</b> 28<sup>th</sup> January 07</p>	<p><a href="#">TIMZ interview on FOX News Hannity &amp; Colmes</a></p>
 <p><b>Grimmie Wreck Clip</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Click here - Grimmie Wreck Clip</a></p>
<p><b>Russia National TV Appearance</b> 12<sup>th</sup> March 07</p>	<p><a href="#">Russia National TV Appearance</a></p>

**News Hounds** (<http://www.newshounds.us>)

***We watch FOX so you don't have to.***

### **Iraqi American Tells FOX News Iraq Safer Under Saddam Hussein**

Reported by **Ellen** - **January 29, 2007** -

Iraqi American rapper TIMZ was an unusual guest on Hannity & Colmes Friday night, 1/26/07. Instead of the usual Happy Iraq scenario portrayed on FOX, TIMZ told an astonished Chuck Norris, subbing for Sean Hannity, that Iraq was safer under Saddam Hussein.

Norris asked TIMZ if he would have liked to live in Iraq when Saddam Hussein was in power "killing thousands upon thousands of your fellow countrymen?"

TIMZ said that when he was in Iraq, it was during Hussein's reign. "I believe that the country - the state that it is in now - it's actually more dangerous than when Saddam Hussein was in power. At least people could walk down the street without being afraid of their neighbor killing them. I understand that there was a fear of Saddam Hussein and his reign of terror. Yes, I don't promote Saddam Hussein and the things that he has done in the past. However, I do believe that it was safer as a region for a regular person like myself to walk down the street and not be afraid of the next person coming up to me and kidnapping me or killing me for no apparent reason."

One could only imagine how Hannity would have handled such FOX News blasphemy. But Norris, it seems, is a far gentler debater. "Yeah but you never know, at any time that they could have come in your house, drug (sic) you out, cut off your hand or whatever. So you never knew for sure if that was gonna happen or not, did you?"

TIMZ said that he's Chaldean, which is a Catholic group. "When Saddam Hussein was ruling, we were not persecuted in the way that Chaldeans are being persecuted now in Iraq. Nowadays we are getting kidnapped. It is a civil war between Sunnis and Shiites and there are Christians stuck in the middle."

Norris tried to uncover evidence that TIMZ' family was targeted by Saddam for their Christianity. But TIMZ didn't buy it. "At least when Saddam Hussein was there, he kept some of these extremists down. And again, I'm not promoting Saddam Hussein. I'm just saying it was a bit safer for people like me."

### TIMZ stats

TIMZ has achieved good **paid sales volumes** over the last year (2007). The table below summarises the sales figures.

<u>Sales</u>	<u>Volume</u>
Single "Open For Business"	2500
EP "Open For Business"	1000
Single "Super Chargers"	3500
Single "Iraq"	1000

The hit rate on TIMZ's websites and various YouTube.com videos are as follows:

<u>Internet</u>	<u>Unique Hit Rate</u>
TIMZonline.com average hits per month:	58,000
Myspace.com hits:	108,000
Myspace.com plays:	195,000
YouTube.com "Iraq" Music Video plays: The number 1 Featured Music Video on YouTube.com (8 <sup>th</sup> March 07)	450,000
YouTube.com Interview plays:	130,000
YouTube.com "Chargers" Music Video plays:	30,000

## Lyrics

### Iraq

Somehow, someday, someday  
We gon' burn this bitch down for what they did in  
Abu Graib  
Somebody some where say something  
I tired myself out and I ain't changed one thing  
God, It seems like You ain't been watching for a  
while  
And I don't even know whens the last time I  
smiled  
They look and feel sorry for us, can you believe it?  
The great Iraq, as if we need it  
And look what they decide to give us  
Blood from the world to fill up our rivers  
And what we supposed to be grateful?  
You kill my family and I should say thank you?  
No thanks, you got your tanks, I got my God, bring  
it on  
It sounds pretty you could sing along  
Cause the sound of gunfire is my favorite song

**There's a war going on outside**  
**No birds around here just bullets that fly**  
**There's a war going on outside**  
**There's death everywhere but I feel so alive**

Dear Mr. George Bush  
Why do you insist to make a fool of us?  
For over two hundred years  
We stood for whats good, now we despised by  
our peers  
This isn't ain't gon' last for long  
They wish us dead George, they wish us gone  
And what do you do  
But add fuel to the fire and send in more troops  
Oh the troops, God save the troops  
It wasn't their war, their lies, their fault  
America the beautiful, what did they do to you  
They used you its so indisputable  
I ain't talking no Democrat or Republican  
I talk for myself an Iraqi-American  
George I don't know who sent ya  
But don't let karma come get ya

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Y'all must have missed the fax  
Let me straighten y'all up on the twisted facts  
(Did you know) The Garden of Eden was Iraq  
(Did you know) God made Adam and Eve in Iraq  
(Did you know) Life made its start in Iraq  
(Did you know) Noah went and built the ark in Iraq  
(Did you know) Abraham was born in Iraq  
(Did you know) 3 wise men all from Iraq  
(Did you know) Math was first taught in Iraq  
(Did you know) Astrology, language, law in Iraq  
Oh did you know there's oil in Iraq?  
Foreign blood in the soil in Iraq?  
No you know there's terrorists in Iraq  
Thugs who kill Americans in Iraq  
Y'all say who needs Iraq  
But everybody in the world bleeds Iraq

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## Open For Business

Yo I'm open for business  
Just another day to put food on the dishes  
As the surveillance as my witness  
Anybody who want it can come and get this  
Got the .45 tucked below the register  
I might leave it on counter that way it register  
Do not come through on some funny shit  
Like motherfucker give me all your money shit  
Shit, you gon have to kill me first  
Either me or you, whoever aim is worse  
I been blessed with this curse  
I ain't have no days off but the shit pays off  
How could I complain about something?  
When my father had it harder and I ain't hear him  
say nothing  
So after school its to work  
Cuz a fool is not capable to rule the earth

**Ayo I'm open for business, 365**  
**Gotta stay alive, gotta gotta stay alive**  
**Yo I'm open for business, morning to night**  
**Gotta get it right, gotta gotta get it right**

I approach rap like what I need jewelry for?  
I don't want ice I want the jewelry store  
Never been, never will be  
Not 'til they kill me  
And even if I die I will rise to the top  
Jesus Christ save me a spot (Yeah)  
Failure is not an option  
No save me the block (Yeah)  
No save me the lot I'm trying to build right here  
And what I put up, no one will knock down  
Not even the president, not now  
That's the only thing to get the blood bubbling in  
my veins  
I got nothing in my government name, my  
brothers the brains  
Me I'm like in love with this game, it's the hustling  
thang  
Then sell it off gotta be a million or more  
Build that motherfucker up from the floor

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Real shit homie, I ain't sold coke on the corner  
I sold Coca-Cola in a liquor stola  
Fuck it, let me get my 35 percent  
And pay off the cars and the rent  
I'm a boss, better understand  
I can't work for the man, I am the man!  
I got G's in my jeans, check it I got G's in my  
genes  
My whole family is kings  
And the people behind me is my backbone  
They dying to see the kid Timz bring it back home  
And I'm gon' do it if it means putting everything I  
got on the table  
I'm willing and I'm able  
They say good things go to those that wait  
I look at 'em and say, man, no way  
I'm 21 and I ain't getting no younger  
Fuck sitting around thinking 'bout next summer

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## Photo Shots







## Gigs History

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>City</b>
12 Oct 07	Aubergine Nightclub	San Diego, CA
15 Sept 07	Royal Palace	El Cajon, CA
2 Sept 07	Convention Center	San Diego, CA
7 Aug 07	Faces Nightclub	San Diego, CA
4 Aug 07	Club Bellagio	Anaheim, CA
1 June 07	Knitting Factory	Hollywood, CA
12 May 07	UCLA	Los Angeles, CA
18 April 07	SDSU	San Diego, CA
14 April 07	N. Iowa University	Cedar Falls, IA
11 April 07	UC Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
7 April 07	Camp Casey	Crawford, TX
4 April 07	Univeristy of Memphis	Memphis, TN
1 April 07	Morehouse & Spellman	Atlanta, GA
29 March 07	South Carolina State	Orangeburg, SC
27 March 07	North Carolina A&T	Greensboro, NC
24 March 07	West-Park Church	New York, NY
8 Dec 06	House of Blues	San Diego, CA