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***Acoustic Effort***

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Heavy Steve is pleased to announce the release of the single *Acoustic Effort* which is featured on *Tdot Fiesta*, Wheel it Studio's 5<sup>th</sup> album produced as part of an ongoing collective music recording initiative bringing together emerging and established hip hop artists.

*Acoustic Effort* marks a departure for Heavy Steve as he moves away from classic Hip Hop to explore more guitar-driven compositions. With this latest soulful song, Heavy provides a vulnerable and heart rending look back at his life. This deeply personal recollection recounts painful challenges and opportunities lost, while at the same time eliciting hope by envisioning and charting new paths, as a way of circumventing "broken bridges". *Acoustic Effort* is a confessional chronicling of the desire to find a purpose and a testament to Heavy's unwavering determination and resolve to prove himself. The song also recognizes the therapeutic and healing impact of creativity and is a tribute to the legacy of the arts in all its powerful manifestations. Accompanied by Colombian-born

Juno-nominated multi-instrumentalist Beny Esguerra, the ebullient and buoyant sounds of congas and the Indigenous-Colombian kuisi flute are interspersed with the music of Heavy's acoustic guitar.



Steven Rafael Gomez Salguero aka Heavy Steve is a musician and actor from Jane and Finch, Toronto who is committed to telling stories that uplift and motivate his audience. He recognizes the empowering potential of the arts and strives to use theatre and music to raise awareness about mental health and to mobilize communities for social justice.

The song also features background claps by all members of Wheel it Studios that are featured on the album.

*Acoustic Effort* was arranged and produced by Savillion and Heavy Steve with engineering and mixing by Savillion.

Heavy brings the audience on a journey that makes everybody realize how precious life is. In his younger days, Heavy was in a severe car accident in Ecuador that left him in a

coma and changed his life forever. After waking up from the coma, and undergoing brain surgery, Heavy spent a couple of years in rehab to learn how to read, speak and understand what feelings were. He was also diagnosed with epilepsy. Once Heavy was back on his feet, he knew it was time to get focused and pursue his dreams of being an artist. His life story shows that you can make changes and progress no matter what you go through in life. No matter the obstacles he continues to rhyme, perform, tour, play music and act in theatre groups. He has been the recipient of awards and scholarships and is serving as the ambassador of Epilepsy Toronto. Heavy consistently demonstrates how combining education with entertainment is the greatest way to engage with everybody. Make sure to watch him work towards all his dreams and just hear him out!



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