

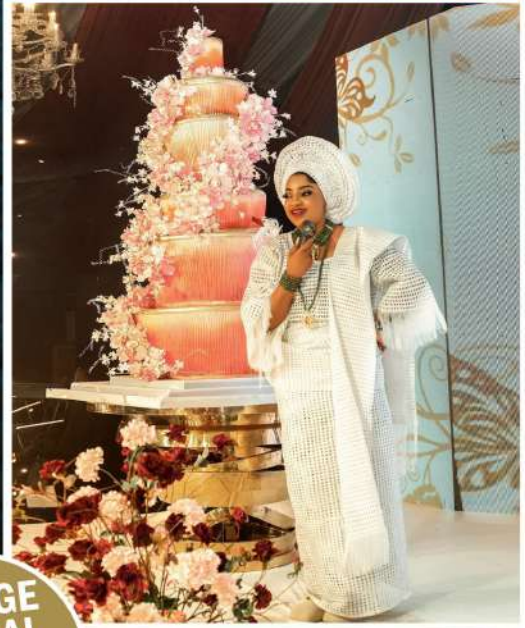
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# HRM TAYO SOBOLA

## Turning A New Chapter!

**H**RM Tayo Sobola is a leading figure in the Nigerian entertainment scene, more especially in the movie industry popularly known as Nollywood. This edition is specially packaged to celebrate the beautiful actress, fashionista and serial entrepreneur. In this special edition, you will get to read about how she started out as a model, tried her hands on singing and TV presentation before finally settling for acting. Her foray into business and more especially, her style and fashion.

We also served you exclusive pictures from the launch of her latest venture, Thonia Michael, a luxury fashion brand; her high octane Birthday Party and New Year/Crossover Events where opulence, grandeur and elegance were on display.

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# FROM Creativity to Entrepreneurship Tayo Sobola Giant Strides

**H**er Royal Majesty, Tayo Sobola - the Sarauniya (Queen Mother) of Uke Kingdom, otherwise known as 'Sotayo Gaga' in the entertainment industry, is a Nigerian actress, movie producer, serial entrepreneur, philanthropist whose contributions at various levels of involvement cannot be quantified.

Sotayo was born on December 28, 1985, into a

polygamous family. Her late mother was a Muslim while her late father was a Christian. She grew up with her strict mother who made sure she turned out good to what we all admire now. She was her mother's daughter and got all the pampering needed but never to forget that she can be scolded at any given point. Her late mother was often referred to as 'Thatcher' as a result of her strict nature.

Sotayo had her primary and secondary education in Lagos state. She proceeded to the Lagos State University where she obtained Diploma in Law before proceeding to the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ogun state where she bagged a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration.

She started her career as a model, singer, TV presenter and a video vixen. After some time, she moved into acting. Sotayo first acted in English movies before she joined the Yoruba movie industry and has become one of the leading figures in Nollywood. With several movies to her credit; Sotayo have acted in countless movies that include her personal production some of which are Corper Jide, Arewa Onijigbon, Aami, Bella, Egan, Fighting Choice, Moremi, and Ojuloge Obinrin to mention a few. It is important to note that while in school, actor Emeka Okoro introduced her to the Actors Guild of Nigeria and the rest we say is now history.





Known for her entrepreneurship zeal; in 2015 Tayo Sobola floated her media company Sotee Entertainment, a media company saddled with 360 degree production with several productions to their credit. In 2018, a new company was launched, Clean Stitches; a bespoke clothing line which is into production of ready-to-wear outfits for both genders. Also in 2018, Sotayo added a lipstick brand to her collection named Pop It and also a luxury fashion brand named TM - Thonia Michael which was officially unveiled in December 2025.

Tayo Sobola has won the following awards:

City People Award for Best New Yoruba Actress (2015)

City People Movie Award for Best Supporting Actress of the Year (2016)

City People Movie Award for Best Supporting Actress of the Year (2017)

Royal Exquisite Award for Best Actress of the Year (2019)

She has also received quite a number of other special recognition awards.

Sotayo is currently the Sarauniya (Queen Mother) of Uke Kingdom in Nasarawa state; a title earned as a result of her passion for women empowerment and development. She also received the Global Peace Actress of the Year 2020 award.

Tayo Sobola was appointed as an ambassador of the West Africa (ECOWAS) Youth Council in recognition of her contributions to youth education, human development, and business growth.

She founded the Sobola Tayo Anthonia (STA) Foundation, which usually distributes relief packages to the less privileged and focuses on positive community impact and girl-child empowerment.

Quote

Knowledge is light as ignorance is darkness



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## THE LAUNCH OF



### NOLLYWOOD STAR ACTRESS, **TAYO SOBOLA** UNVEILED NEW BRAND **'THONIA MICHAEL'**

#### **...Our collections are made from the finest material- Tayo Sobola on new brand**

**S**tar actress cum serial entrepreneur, Tayo Sobola - the Sarauniya (Queen Mother) of Uke Kingdom, also popularly known as Sotayo Gaga have added yet another feather to her list of businesses with the official launch of her luxury fashion label, Thonia Michael, a brand that was conceived to make bespoke high quality unisex fashion items.

Speaking on what the new brand plans to offer, "We pride ourselves with productions of high quality items that include: Shirts, Caps, Hats and Hoodies. We also make quality leather products like Hand Bags, Travel Bags, Cross Bags, etc. Our products are made from the finest materials and are top-notch".

She stated further, 'Aside from the fact that I loves good compliments, I also want people around me to feel the same too; the brand does not just speak of luxury alone but of premium high quality materials that guarantees durability".

Sobola who is also the Chief Executive Officer of Sotee Entertainment, Clean Stitches and Pop It Cosmetics disclosed during the product launch of her new brand that the Thonia Michael franchise is a brand tailored to give clients a look and feel of what luxury stands for.

On the name of the brand, Sobola, disclosed that Thonia is gotten from her English name, Anthonia while the Michael just came natural as a flow when she went visiting one of her Godfathers, Alhaji Awe Ibrahim who encouraged her to work on the brand name as it sounds foreign in nature and ever since she kept the name till the moment the new brand fully came alive.

It is pertinent to note that the private launch of the brand held at Radisson Blu, GRA Ikeja, Lagos had in attendance guests that include Nollywood actor, Alesh Sanni, Lege Miami, Prince Sobola, Baddy Osha among many others.



















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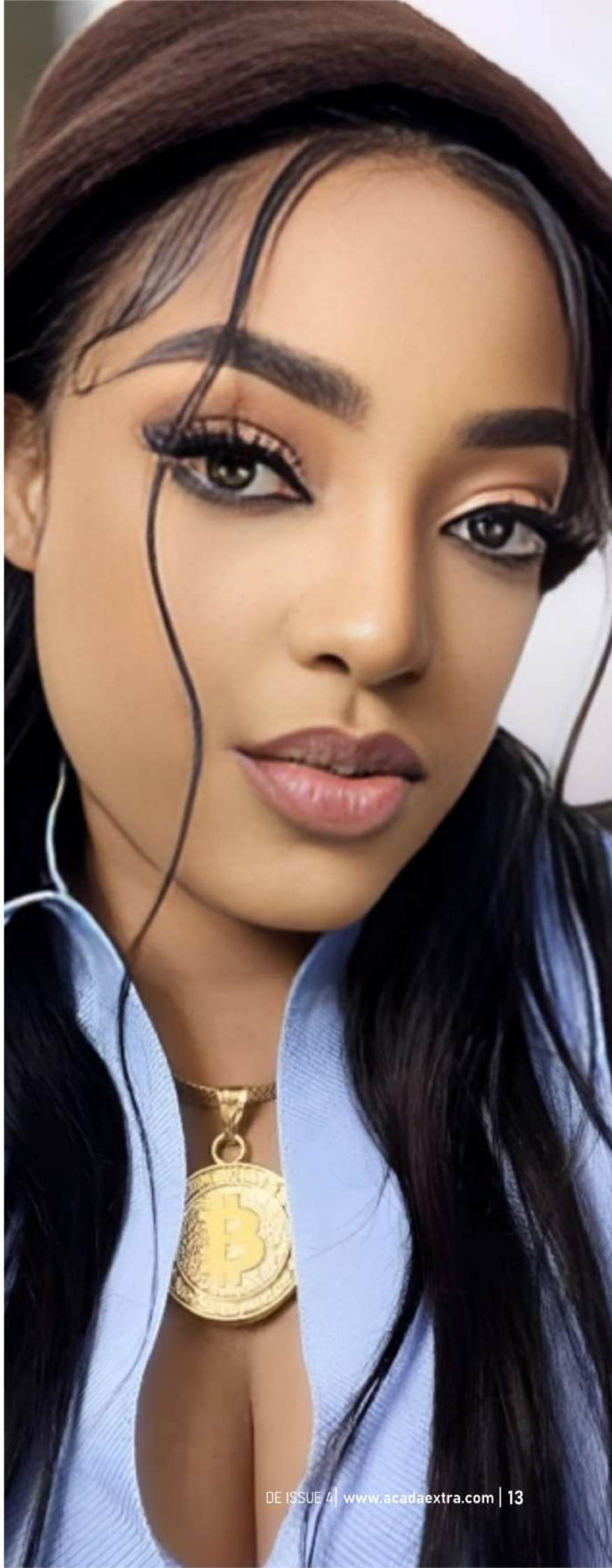
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# SOTAYO

## Fame Style + Motherhood

Her Royal Majesty, Tayo Sobola - the Sarauniya (Queen Mother) of Uke Kingdom, also called Sotayo Gaga, is one of Nigeria's popular showbiz stars, fashionistas and trendsetters.

She started her career as a model, singer, video vixen and a TV presenter. After some time, she moved into acting. Tayo first acted in English movies before she joined the Yoruba movie industry and has become one of the leading figures in Nollywood. She holds a Law certificate from Lagos State University and Public Administration degree from the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State.

### | EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

Aside from entertainment, she's also a serial entrepreneur with hands in many business pies that include a Movie Production company, Sotee Entertainment and a Fashion Designing outfit, Clean Stitches. Her latest venture is luxurious fashion brand, THONIA MICHAEL that deals in high-end fashion items. In this exclusive interview, we delved into her fashion, style and business world.



**How was the idea of your latest venture, Thonia Michael conceived?**

The idea came some years back, we started doing some fashionable stuff on the low, dotting the lines and looking forward to a big breakout. Thonia Michael is not your regular brand, it is luxurious, classy, bespoke and made from the finest of materials. When you think luxury and class, think Thonia Michael!

**Who is your Target Audience?**

**While we are known for** luxury, classy and quality fashion items, our brand is open to everyone who is fashionable and ready to make a distinctive statement with their fashion and style.

**What is Thonia Michael offering the public?**

We pride ourselves with productions of quality items that include: Shirts, Caps, Hats and Hoodies. We also make quality leather products like Hand Bags, Travel Bags, Cross Bags, etc. Our products are made from the finest materials and are top-notch.

**How is your fashion and style reflecting on the brand?**

I have always been a person who is cautious of how I look or how I am perceived. I love to play dress up a lot and I am a designer freak. I love a good compliment so I choose the best outfit for any occasion I am attending. Don't forget the saying that, the way you dress is the way you will be addressed.

**What is your vision for the brand?**

The goal has always been the same in all the businesses I

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have ventured in, from Sotee Entertainment to Clean Stitches and now Thonia Michael. The vision is to build a successful brand known for its quality products, services, customers interest and satisfactions. With all my businesses, customers' satisfaction comes first.

Also an important vision of the brand is to be a leading fashion house for anything bespoke, luxury and class.

**One fashion item you love the most?**

My Face-cap. It's becoming a sought of 'trademark'.

**One fashion accessory you**





**cannot miss out on?**

That should be my lip-gloss. I'm not really into heavy make-up.

**Skirt or trouser?**

Trouser any time, baggy to be precise.

**You had a beautiful baby girl last year. How's motherhood been treating you?**

Motherhood is a beautiful thing. It's been an interesting journey and I've been enjoying every minute of it. The moment afforded me the opportunity to slow down and also recount my journey in life, and it's making me to be more patient with myself and other people. I'm also now more emotional when it comes to children. There are things that I see on social media before that I don't really pay attention to but now I feel emotional about them. There's a limit to how I can take anything that has to do with kids.

**After one you're still looking stylish and trendy. What's the secret?**

There's really no major secret. From the onset I've always been cautious of my look and after giving birth, I only do light exercise and fitness routines to stay in shape and keep fit. And I do take lots of water to stay hydrated and to aid my skin moisture.

**If you are to give an advice to an 18-year-old you, what will it be?**

I would say, have more practical approach to life. Know what you want and let your dreams be bigger than you. Do away with friends



that have no benefits, especially when it comes to your career and progress.

**Let's talk about entertainment. You're known for not keeping many friends but you seem to have a special bond with hip-hop star, Olamide. Can you tell us why this is so?**

Myself and Ola as I used to call him have known each a long time ago, even before fame and fortune, and we have remained very close. We respect one another and I guess we share some peculiar characteristics like humility and minding of one's business, LOL!

**Your foray into acting.**

In 2003, I joined the Actors Guild of Nigeria. Also, I featured in some movies with minor roles. I had to stop after my course in LASU and resumed for my degree programme in Ogun State. I returned to acting in 2006. Then, I was presenting on television, was modeling, and had music video appearances (a vixen) and red carpet hosting. With acting, I just wanted to harness my skills, creativity plus flexibility. My mother was not in support initially but along the line, my father made her accept my views. My first time with the camera was awesome. It was a



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dream comes true! It was a musical stage performance in 2003.

**Talking movies. How come you haven't produced a cinematic movie and do you have any project you are currently working on?**

I am not producing cinema movies right now because I don't have the money. It's only rich people that do cinema movies and I don't have that money right now. The truth is not everybody has the money to walk into the cinemas to watch movies. Every average person now tries as much as they can to go on YouTube to watch movies. Recently, I've been getting comments on my social media pages asking when I'll be back on screen. But the thing is if I say I'm going to the cinema now, it's more like me trying to prove a standard and if we look at it properly, that is how it's supposed to be and that is where I belong. But what happens to average people who can't afford the cinema? Transport to and fro and cinema tickets aren't cheap but they can easily watch movies on YouTube in their comfort zone. I want to feed the eyes of those who cannot afford to go to the cinema because I am for the masses. But I am open to both.

Like the saying, anything worth doing at all, is worth doing well. I don't want to just do cinema movies because it's the in-thing but to do a production that will worth every penny and efforts. Something that will really stand out and resonate with the people.

**How has life been as the Queen mother of Uke Kingdom in Nasarawa State?**

Life as the Queen Mother of Uke Kingdom in Nasarawa has been good with no hassles. This is me in Lagos and I can always control whatever I have to control over there. If they need me to do anything I do it.

**The last word for your teeming fans?**

I thank them for their supports over the years and for supporting the Sotayo Gaga's brand. They should be on the lookout for my new works coming out soon.

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# Sotayo's

Superlative

Birthday and New Year's

## Shindig





If there is one thing stylish and elegant beauty, **HRM Tayo Sobola** is good at aside acting and dressing well, it is throwing a grand and an unforgettable party. This will be attested to by people who have attended her parties in the past, and her recent birthday and new Year's shindig was no exemption.

The beautiful Nollywood actress and the **Sarauniya (Queen Mother) of Uke Kingdom, Nasarawa State** is no doubt a great host and sure knows how to dazzle guests with top-notch hospitality.

The party held on December 31, 2025 at **The Five Palms, Oniru, Lagos** was another testimony to her influential personality in the Nigerian showbiz circle going by the class of guests that attended the luxurious shindig. From the Traveling Passport/Boarding Pass concept invitations, the opulent Decorations to the multi-layered Birthday Cake, everything has the trappings of class and grandeur. There were various sumptuous dishes, sea foods, exotic wines alongside fine spirits and champagne, the party oozes nothing but class!

The celebrant's grand entry, decked in a Green with Orange stripes Aso Oke ensemble was really a beauty to behold. All through the event, her look-alike younger brother, **Prince Sobola** was on ground to attend to guests needs.

The highlights of the event were the **Crossover into the New Year Praise and Worship session** which was coordinated by the celebrant herself. For fifteen minutes, the celebrant sang and prayed alongside the guests and at exactly 12 midnight, everyone greeted each other Happy New Year. Afterwards, the event hall was turned into a club scene for the after-party hosted by **DJ ARYZ**.

Various exotic gift items were shared to guests. From hand fans, power banks, garri parfait, pillows to bags of rice and tubers of yam, guests went home with their hands full.

To entertain the guests, rave of the moment, **Segun Johnson** was in his top elements, so also was Juju Gospel act, **Boye Best** who dazzled the audience with his brand of music. Among the distinguished guests and dignitaries that graced the occasions were **Antar Laniyan, Oloye Ashabi Morounranti, Baddy Osha, Yeye Osun Tejumade, Olamide Badoo, Lola Idije, Alesh Sanni, Peju Ogunmola, Lege Miami, Cute Biola, Billy Que, Eniola Badmus, Aremu Afolayan, Seyi Edun Johnson, Kemity, Kudirat Sogunro, Foluke Daramola, Toyin Alausa, Ayo Adesanya, Bose Aloe**, etc.

The superlative birthday and New Year's party which shook Lagos and was the talk-of-the-town trended across various social media platforms for days.







































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