

ELIAS

It is the kick-off of a new chapter in his music career! Before the Swedish singer and songwriter will release his new upcoming EP "HIM" via Universal Music, ELIAS presents his first new song "I Give You The Best". The single and the accompanying video, directed by Daniel Eskils (a.o. Boys Noize, Mando Diao etc) are just the beginning... He's just in his early twenties and has a voice that - as so often quoted, but here definitely a fact - is simply unique and unforgettable. ELIAS was inspired by very different styles, especially soul, gospel and R & B, which he combines with pop and urban sounds to create an extraordinary mix. ELIAS brings a depth, melancholy and thoughtfulness into his songs and touches all senses with a rare sensitivity: ELIAS presents his very own definition of pop music.

Following the release of ELIAS' debut album last year, which earned him two gold records as well as his previous two Swedish Grammy nominations, the new EP's theme is a journey into his inner self. That in particular wasn't an easy task for the musician: "I've learned to open up. About me and what is going on inside me. The songs on the EP deal with the oppositions and contradictions that define modern life. On one hand, of course, I speak of myself, on the other, I am leaving the listeners enough freedom to interpret themselves and to identify with the lyrics. Most of the lyrics are about self-knowledge, about the urge for freedom and about freeing oneself from the ideas and expectations of others. "

ELIAS finds inspiration for his new songs in the music of his childhood and artists such as the soul queens Nina Simone and Roberta Flack, Antony & The Johnsons, James Blake - strong voices, just like his own. "My older brother played the records by Nina Simone back then, I immediately fell in love with her soulful voice." At the age of 13, ELIAS sang in the Tensta gospel choir and wrote his first own songs. His lyrics are a mix of autobiographical parts like own experiences or dreams, which Elias merges with observations and stories from his life. His songs are telling stories straight from real life, describing inner and outer snapshots, no matter what emotional color or shade - ELIAS is a storyteller, silent observer and versed onlooker who transforms all that into songs that hit us in the heart and always give a glimpse of hope. "I write my songs always in different ways. Sometimes I sit at the piano, where I play with melodies and words. Or when going for a walk. There I often find the best harmonies and record them on my cell phone. As a teen, I always wanted to escape the narrowness of Stockholm, today the city and its people is an important inspiration." Elias has already composed in London and Los Angeles and also draws inspiration from travelling, as well as from his live tours, such as his celebrated tour through Asia.

However ELIAS's creativity is not limited to music, he brings his vision to the whole production, the videos, the artwork, etc., which completes the songs in an authentic way: "I was able to watch a lot and learned a lot about composing. The new pieces are very direct and tell a real story. Exactly this singer / songwriter tradition I wanted to implement, only with modern means and in a fresh way. "

The single "I Give You The Best" is the prelude to a new phase of ELIAS' artistic work and the forerunner of the EP "HIM", which will present further facets of the Swedish multi-talent. Additionally ELIAS will soon performing his new songs live. It is this unique voice that draws you in, but you also stay for his stories, his talent and this undeniable passion for music...

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