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***“I BELIEVE MUSIC IS TRULY HEALING FOR THE
MIND, BODY, AND SOUL. I FEEL LUCKY AND
GRATEFUL THAT THIS PASSION HAS CHOSEN ME.”***

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I cannot explain how thankful I am to one of our senior interviewers and photographers, Maddie Kleiser. Maddie is responsible for every part of the July cover story, and she's done an amazing job with it.

I'm sure many have already heard about the tragedy that occurred on the night of Before You Exit and Christina Grimmie's performance in Orlando, Florida. Grimmie was shot at her meet and greet, brought to the hospital, and passed a few hours later on July 11th, 2016. If you kept up with Christina prior to the incident, you might remember her posting about a photoshoot with us with Cami Liberty. Although it is not a photoset and interview with Christina as planned, Lucid did include a tribute to the beautiful soul, mind, and heart lost that day.

As well as one to Christina, we have also included a tribute to the lives lost at Pulse Nightclub. Not only that, but we've also included an article on the lack of gun laws in the U.S. Please make sure to read it, and not just skim it. As stated in the article, *"People that are pro-gun need to open their eyes and see what's happening around them. Guns fuel nothing but hatred and violence."*

As well as the four aforementioned pieces, Lucid's July issue also features a night with LANY, an interview with Jonah Marais, a recipe for delicious vegan pizza, a fun playlist for road trips, and so much more! Please, enjoy!

Natasha 😊



WHO IS THE TEAM?

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST THIS SUMMER?



CAITLYN HASTINGS

photographer

I am looking forward to all of the super dope shoots I have planned for the summer!



ADAM VOSSEN

writer

I'm really looking forward to being in Los Angeles this summer!!!



KATHLEEN AMIET

writer

I'm most looking forward to going to a lot of concerts!



OLIVIA SCOTT

photographer

This summer, I'm looking forward to traveling abroad to Spain, France, and China.



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VEGAN



A close-up photograph of a vegetable pizza. The pizza is topped with a thick layer of red tomato sauce, sliced cucumbers, sliced tomatoes, and sliced yellow and red bell peppers. There are also some green herbs and small pieces of white onion scattered on top. The pizza is resting on a wooden surface, which appears to be a cutting board or a wooden table. The word "PIZZA" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top half of the image.

PIZZA

PHOTOS & STORY BY DESPY

Get this: *the best-looking, best-tasting pizzas don't even have cheese.*

I'm serious. I went vegan about a year and a half ago, and I (obviously) haven't had any cheese since. That doesn't keep me from eating pizza at least a few times a week, though. And that doesn't keep the pizzas from being

- a) really pretty,
- b) really healthy, and
- c) really, really *good*.

So, the next time you have a free evening, invite some friends over and make your very own vegetable pizzas. They're practically salads, so they're healthy, AND no animals have to be harmed!

Some great toppings include:

- tomato sauce
- BBQ sauce
- sriracha
- steamed potatoes/sweet potatoes
- sautéed mushrooms
- spinach
- bell peppers
- cabbage
- kale
- onions
- garlic
- zucchini
- squash
- peas
- corn
- beans
- chickpeas
- oregano
- nutritional yeast
- red pepper flakes

Pile on whatever vegetables you like, and I promise it'll taste SO GOOD. As for the crust, you can buy a premade crust to streamline the process, or easily make one out of yeast, flour, and water.

Now, go and make your own! For more vegan pizza inspiration, check out Lucid's website; there, more photos of different combinations of ingredients can be viewed!

A portrait of Christina Grimmie, a young woman with dark hair and a slight smile, winking with her right eye. She is wearing a black, short-sleeved, ribbed top. Her right arm is raised, with her hand near her head, revealing a small tattoo on her wrist and a larger one on her forearm. The background is a green wooden door with a circular window at the top.

PHOTO BY CAMI LIBERTY

RIP Christina Grimmie
March 12, 1994 – June 11, 2016

#loveislove.





PHOTO BY CAITLYN HASTINGS

WHY WOULD
YOU RATHER SEE
2 MEN HOLDING
GUNS THAN
HOLDING HANDS



NONEXISTENT GUN LAWS IN THE USA

STORY BY ADAM VOSSEN / ILLUSTRATION BY @TKARTS

Christina Grimmie. 50 innocent people at a gay bar. Those people have one thing in common, they have all gotten their lives cut short due to acts of gun violence. Gun violence and mass murders have been no stranger to the U.S.A. It's getting too friendly, actually. There has been more than 1 mass shooting a day in 2016 so far.

It's sad, it's disgusting, it's terrifying, but yet, America has refused to enforce gun restrictions.

Christina Grimmie was a successful YouTuber, a former contestant on The Voice, and an amazing singer. After a performance in Florida, she went out to meet her fans and give autographs. Sadly, Christina was shot and died only 5 hours later in the hospital. Luckily, her brother, Mark Grimmie, tackled the gunman to the floor before he could harm anyone else. Christina has so many fans and so many loved ones that will miss her dearly. Her life was cut short by an idiotic terrorist.

The next day, at a gay bar in Orlando, Florida, the biggest mass murder in America occurred. 50 innocent people were shot and killed, due to homophobia. Someone had the desire to kill 50 innocent beings just because those beings liked the same gender. LGBTQ+ intolerance is a huge problem in this country on all social, economic, and political levels.

Now, assuming America follows the same routine it's been following for years, we won't do anything about this. Why? Part of it is because the U.S.A. doesn't care much about the LGBTQ+ community. America would rather see two men holding guns than two men holding hands. America would rather let people buy an assault rifle than let gay people donate blood. America would rather let people own guns for their "safety" than let trans people into public bathrooms.

Gun violence is a huge problem in America. After mass shootings, politicians will only offer thoughts and prayers, when they have the power to change the laws. People that are pro-gun need to open their eyes and see what's happening around them. Guns fuel nothing but hatred and violence. Concerts aren't safe, clubs aren't safe, schools aren't safe, movie theaters aren't safe, being yourself isn't safe. Living in a country with non-existent gun laws isn't safe.

To Christina, the 50 people from Orlando, and all of the other innocent beings killed from gun violence,

may you rest in peace.

taylor
dini



“Stories through style.”

That is how **TAYLOR DINI** would simply describe her YouTube channel. Taylor is a 20-year-old fashion blogger, stylist, YouTuber, and Chicago native currently based in Los Angeles. In August of 2015, Taylor brought the fashion from her blog to her YouTube channel. Since then, she has accumulated over 8,000 subscribers and collaborated with YouTubers like Jack Baran and Drew MacDonald!

Taylor has always been a writer, *“When I was younger, maybe 5 or 6, my parents used to question if I was the one writing my own stories and such, as they were pretty good for a young gal.”* However, it wasn’t until high school that she began to merge her passion for writing and her passion for fashion together, as Dini’s appreciation and outright love for fashion only first sprouted when she was 15 years old. It was then that she realized how much work and thought were really put into the art.

Two years later, Dini packed her bags and left her hometown for Los Angeles. She says it was a bit of a shell shock, as she had never spent more than a week away from her family! Even though it was a tough transition, considering she was only seventeen, it could not have been better for Taylor. Not only has being around a different crowd of people helped her grow as a stylist and blogger, but she has gained many skills from living in LA, *“The need for me to multi-task, and organize my own career, and network for myself is definitely an area in which I have grown vastly.”*

By the time Taylor started her YouTube channel, she was already basking in the SoCal sun. Watching lookbooks on YouTube inspired Taylor to make some of her own. She wanted to be able to tell stories through fashion, and she felt that lookbooks were the best way to do so.

One of Dini’s favorite pastimes is collaborating with different people and brands. She says it is the most influential opportunity she has had through YouTube, *“Meeting like-minded individuals is a great way to get the ball rolling towards new ideas.”* Some of her past collaborations have been with PacSun, Daniel Wellington Watches, Drew Scott, Rocksbox Jewelry, and Windsor Store. In the future, she’d like to collaborate with a group channel or someone who has a very different style from hers, *“I think it is interesting to try and understand and/or recreate a look from another artist’s point of view.”*



PEOPLE



Since starting her channel in August, she has been able to not only attend popular events throughout the year, but host them, as well! Because of the success of her channel and blog, she has attended the Daniel Wellington blogger event, VidCon 2016, and soon she'll be hosting an event for Shutz shoes in Beverly Hills! Along with the aforementioned events, she also attended the most recent Coachella. Coachella is known for the many bold boho chic outfits people show up in. Many stylists and fashion bloggers say that they feel most in their element at Coachella, and Taylor felt no different, *"In terms of fashion and seeing all these different aesthetics brought together through music, it definitely put me in my element."* Her favorite part about the event is seeing all of the different types of fashion there. To prepare for the event, she went on a hunt for a variety of accessories at affordable prices, *"I mixed and matched them to make the perfect Coachella look. Sometimes, it's the last minute ideas that turn out the best!"*

Not only has her YouTube channel given her these amazing opportunities, but her blog has been a huge help, as well. Taylor's website is constantly growing as she posts new content. She hopes that one day, it'll grow so rapidly that it will slowly morph into an online magazine! In that magazine, she hopes to still show her work, but also have many other creators displaying their work on her site, too!

Taylor needs to maintain her blog and YouTube channel while still staying up to date with the constantly changing trends in fashion. But how does she do it? She likes to treat the necessary skill in fashion like a game, she says it makes it more fun, *"People-watching, magazines, street style, and funky places are always inspiring me."* Of course, sometimes she jumps on an idea that she feels will soon turn into a trend, but she turns out to be wrong. *"Staying up to date on trends is just as much a guessing game as it's forecasted."*

Although it may seem like it considering the amount of times Taylor's passions for blogging and making videos have been mentioned in this article, those are not her only hobbies. Some of her favorite things to do other than the obvious include working out, grabbing cups of coffee, going on long aimless walks, reading, trying new foods, and creating her own recipes! In fact, some food posts can also be seen on her blog! She also enjoys traveling. This summer, she will be going to New York and to her hometown, Chicago, a couple of times.

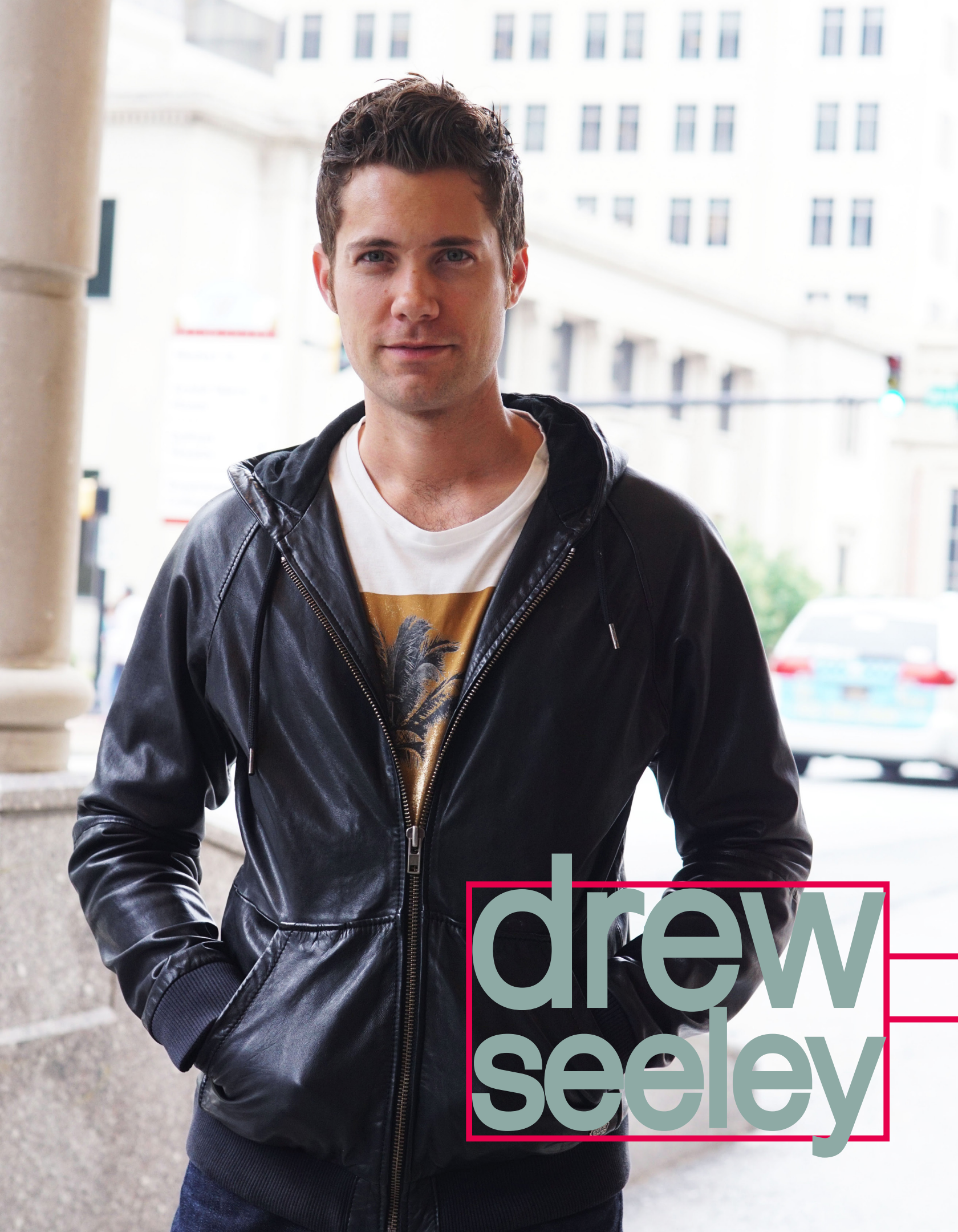
In five years, Dini sees herself still creating, but most of all, she sees herself happy and care-free. That is her main goal. But even so, she is constantly changing, so she can't really say what she'll be doing come five years, *"Each day that I'm given, I discover something new about myself or meet a new person/experience, so I think what I see myself doing in five years is an ever changing answer!"*

"I think it is interesting to try and understand and/or recreate a look from another artist's point of view."

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PHOTOS & INTERVIEW BY CAMI LIBERTY

You probably remember **DREW SEELEY** from his starring role in *Another Cinderella Story* or you may even recognize his voice as Troy's singing vocals from the very first *High School Musical*. Now, he's on the road playing Bob Gaudio on the Jersey Boys Tour.

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR START IN ACTING AND SINGING?

"My mom got my sister and I into it when I was about eight. We started by doing runway modeling for Sears catalogs and stuff. Then I got into dance lessons second when I was probably about nine. Then when I got into highschool, I started singing in chorus and started a rock band and tried some stuff out. And then, I fell into acting last doing high school plays."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PROJECT THAT YOU'VE DONE AND WHY?

"A lot of them have been great for different reasons. Jersey Boys is really fun because I'm getting to see the whole country and actually spend a little time in every city, so it's really fun to explore. I've probably done around 500 shows at this point of the same thing, so you have to find ways to make it fresh so you don't get tired of what you're doing. Another Cinderella Story was a lot of fun as well because we went and shot that in Vancouver and got to dance a lot, [we] had a great cast, got to work with Selena and that was fun."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT BEING ON THE JERSEY BOYS TOUR?

"I think it's a great role, a good fit for me. I play a guy who's a songwriter, as well. He's not like the Frankie Valli; he's not the star of the group. I'm kind of a more quiet guy in real life, too; I don't always need to be out front. So, I connect with that. And it's a great group of people! We have, I think, 12 cast members and then a band and crew, so there's, like, 50 of us total. We've been traveling together for almost two years and have become great friends. It's a real good community."

HAVE YOU DONE ANY OTHER SHOW TOURS IN THE PAST?

"Nope, first one! Well, High School Musical Concert Tour. But that was different 'cause it was only one night in every city, and then we'd move on. So, we'd get on the bus and drive all night to the next city; so it was more of a whirlwind. We did the same amount of cities, but in two and half months as opposed to a year and a half."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT PERFORMING?

"Just the fact that I'm able to. I'm just grateful and blessed that I have a voice and can move my body. So many people don't have the opportunity to share their experience and share joy with people. When you do that [you] get to see smiles on people's faces, and it's really rewarding every night."

BESIDES ACTING, SINGING, AND DANCING, WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER INTERESTS?

"I mean, songwriting - I guess that's kind of related. I love running, working out, going to see live music, food of any kind. All the time - I'm a big foodie, so I love eating. Spending time with my dogs and my wife back in L.A., going back home to L.A. whenever I can."

IF YOU COULD DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN THREE WORDS, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

"Hungry, happy, motivated."

AFTER THIS TOUR, WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM YOU IN THE FUTURE?

"I don't know, I'm not sure. I may come back for another year, most of these guys are going to. They've got a schedule all the way through next June, so it's a possibility. Or I might go back to L.A. and see what else is going on, get back into the auditioning game. I haven't really decided yet."



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what we're listening to



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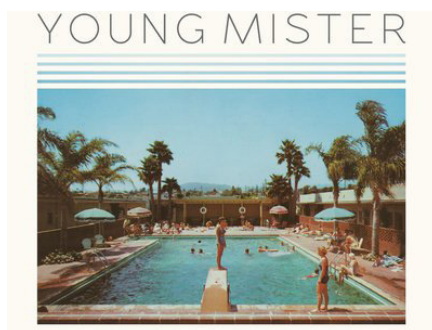
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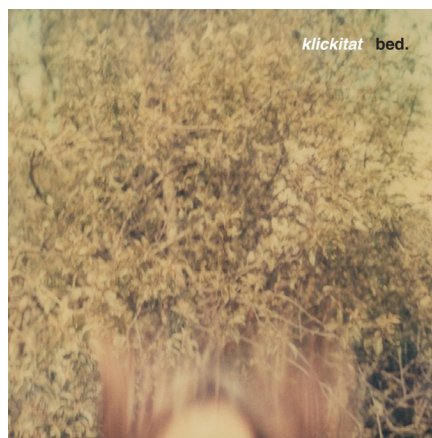
The Tapes - **At All**
(single)



Few Bits - **Anyone Else**
(single)



Young Mister - **Young Mister**
Favorite Track: Anybody Out There



bed. - **klickitat**
Favorite Track: Boys

A NIGHT WITH: lany

CONCERT REVIEW



Los Angeles based band **LANY** has been recording and releasing their alternative dream pop tunes together since 2014. The trio is made up of Paul Klein, lead vocalist, keyboardist, and guitarist; Jake Goss, drummer; and Les Priest, keyboardist, guitarist, and vocalist. Together they have already released 3 EPs: *Acronyms*, *I Loved You*, and *Make Out*. Along with these, they have released multiple singles which have accumulated major visibility and success for the band.

Over the past two years, the band has worked to generate the fan following and public acknowledgement they have now by releasing their music on social media and music platforms like SoundCloud and Spotify. Through these mediums, the band has been able to continue alluring more and more people from all around the world to their music. Their song "ILYSB" has especially caught the attention of many through its soothing acoustics and vocals. Their rise in popularity only increased when they started to perform in festivals like Lollapalooza and as opening acts for many well-known artists including Twin Shadow, X Ambassadors, Troye Sivan, Halsey, and Ellie Goulding.

This May, however, LANY embarked on their own headlining tour across the US, traveling in correlation to their festival performances, and I was luckily able to attend their show in Philadelphia!

With Odessa as their supporting act, the band took on World Cafe Live at a sold out show!





Even before the band went on, the room was filled with a calm and contented atmosphere. The small room and LED screen on the stage projecting “wish u were here” against a light blue background brought the crowd together as they waited for LANY to take the stage. When the band finally did come out, they almost immediately started playing their new song “WHERE THE HELL ARE MY FRIENDS”. The crowd burst out in excitement and the screen behind the band followed in pursuit, changing from its once relaxing light blue color to a deep vibrant red.

As LANY continued with their set, the crowd and screen display always seemed to be in sync. The mellow relaxed electro beats of their slower songs were highlighted by the soft singing of the crowd and the pleasing graphics of palm trees or water droplets, while their more upbeat songs were emphasized with bold patterned or solid visuals and a dancing audience. The screen illuminated the entire room and allowed not only the audience to see the band, but for the members on stage to clearly see all the faces in the crowd and their reactions, which I think made the show more personal for everyone.

As their soothing west coast vibes and catchy electronic beats projected throughout the venue and into the crowd, many of the fans near the stage got the occasional hug or handshake from Paul and also witnessed the smiles and enjoyment Les and Jake were showing throughout each song. Because of the crowd being so close to the stage, it felt as though the trio was playing for you. Paul even acknowledged this on stage when he said that he felt as if they were already friends with everyone in the crowd!

Once their set was finished, the boys said their goodbyes, took a bow together, and left stage only to come back on moments later due to a demanded encore! Once they were quite literally out of songs, they retreated once again and allowed the crowd to settle. After around 20 minutes of the show being over, the band came out to the showroom and started to greet the mass of fans that were still at the venue waiting to meet them. Their interaction and dedication to their fans is one of the reasons why they have such a strong fanbase despite them being a smaller band.

The fact that LANY was so interactive with their fans during and after their show really did have an effect on their overall concert performance. They managed to put on one hell of a show that was special to the audience in a different way than most concerts. From visuals to acoustics, the trio was able to connect with the crowd on so many different levels and create one of the best concert atmospheres I have ever experienced (I still get a lighthearted feeling just thinking about it).

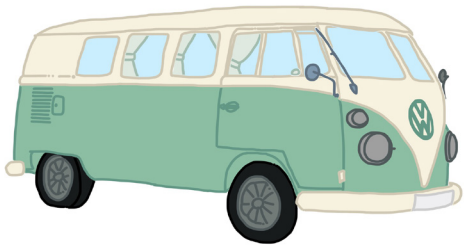


With their multitude of festival performances and tour stops around the country, LANY is definitely a name to look out for! Their show is perfect for any music lover who would like to relax and chill out with friends while still seeing an amazing show.





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SUMMERS ARE FOR ROAD TRIPS; AND WHETHER THAT MEANS DRIVING TO SEE FAMILY, OLD FRIENDS, OR NEW ONES, I FIND THAT A GOOD PLAYLIST IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

YOUR MOOD SETS THE MUSIC AND, LIKEWISE, MUSIC SETS THE MOOD. SOMETIMES, MY FRIENDS AND I WILL BE ON A HANNAH MONTANA, JESSE MCCARTNEY, AND HILARY DUFF KICK, AND OTHER TIMES WE PREFER LOU REED'S SOFTER, GRAVELLY VOICE. BUT, WHATEVER WE LISTEN TO, IT MAKES THE WHOLE CAR RIDE BETTER WITH OUR FEET ON THE DASHBOARD, SNACKS OUT, AND ARMS AND HEADS STICKING OUT THE WINDOWS TO FEEL THE SUMMER BREEZE.

MY MOST RECENT ROADTRIPPIN' PLAYLIST:

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ROAD TRIPPIN'

PLAYLIST BY DESPY / ILLUSTRATION BY @REJECTPASTA

"HOME" BY EDWARD SHARPE AND THE MAGNETIC ZEROS
"ISLAND IN THE SUN" BY WEEZER
"MOUNTAIN SOUND" BY OF MONSTERS AND MEN
"I'M GONNA BE (500 MILES)" BY THE PROCLAIMERS
"SAN FRANCISCO" BY THE MOWGLI'S
"RIPTIDE" BY VANCEJOY
"CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'" BY THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS
"SAFE AND SOUND" BY CAPITAL CITIES
"STUBBORN LOVE" BY THE LUMINEERS
"WEST COAST" BY COCONUT RECORDS
"AFTERNOON" BY YOUTH LAGOON
"YOUNG BLOOD" BY THE NAKED AND FAMOUS
"WE CAN WORK IT OUT" BY THE BEATLES
"PRETTY LITTLE ANGEL EYES" BY CURTIS LEE
"THE ONLY PLACE" BY BEST COAST
"I ALWAYS KNEW" BY THE VACCINES
"DON'T YOU (FORGET ABOUT ME)" BY SIMPLE MINDS
"CLOSING TIME" BY SEMISONIC
"I WANNA GET BETTER" BY BLEACHERS
"HOW FAR WE'VE COME" BY MATCHBOX TWENTY
"SEND ME ON MY WAY" BY RUSTED ROOT
"CLOSE TO ME" BY THE CURE
"ALL THE WAY" BY TIMEFLIES
"HEART OF GOLD" BY NEIL YOUNG
"ONLY YOU" BY MAC DEMARCO
"SUBMARINES" BY THE LUMINEERS
"SHE'S REALLY ALL I NEED" BY MAC DEMARCO
"DON'T WORRY BABY" BY BEACH BOYS
"HURRICANE" BY BOB DYLAN
"EVERYWHERE" BY FLEETWOOD MAC
"COME ON EILEEN" BY DEXY'S MIDNIGHT RUNNERS
"SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED I'M YOURS" BY STEVIE WONDER
"YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT" BY ROLLING STONES
"LITTLE DARLIN'" BY THE DIAMONDS
"DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC" BY THE LOVIN' SPOONFUL
"THE LONG WAY AROUND" BY DIXIE CHICKS
"HERE COMES THE SUN" BY THE BEATLES
"UNWRITTEN" BY NATASHA BEDINGFIELD

j onah marais



JONAH MARAIS is a 17-year-old singer-songwriter from Minnesota. He has performed at multiple DigiTour shows and recently finished up his first headlining tour with Reed Deming, Stew Maloley, and Shane Guerrette. I caught up with Jonah before he took the stage in Philadelphia.

PHOTOS & INTERVIEW BY CAMI LIBERTY

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR START IN MUSIC?

"I've been doing music since I was really little with my family. My dad's a musician; I would go to his gigs usually. My family would get up and sing some songs and stuff. I really started taking it seriously two years ago; I started going on YouNow and singing and stuff. I just got more and more viewers that turned into Instagram and Twitter followers. I started working on writing, got on some shows. That's pretty much it."

YOU JUST RELEASED AN EP CAN YOU TELL US THE PROCESS OF WHEN YOU MADE IT?

"I started at the end of last summer. I worked with three producers for this EP. I finished up the last song probably two months ago, so it was a pretty long process, pretty time consuming. But I'm really proud of it."

YOU'RE ON YOUR FIRST HEADLINING TOUR. HOW DOES THAT FEEL SO FAR?

"It's been awesome! It's been really great to see fans coming out to see me and it's been great having Reed [Deming] and Stew [Maloley] along as well. It's been awesome. I mean, I was excited, but I didn't realize it would be like this. This much fun, this much craziness!"

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE TOUR MEMORY?

"Probably yesterday, actually! It was our first day off, which is pretty crazy. But we just walked around Philadelphia, got Philly cheesesteaks, then went to the Phillies game. So, that was really fun."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SONG TO PERFORM AND WHY?

"Recently, my favorite has been a song called 'Some Other Place & Time' that's off the EP. It's a pretty emotional song and I wrote it from a very real place. It's been my favorite to perform. I mean, I love all the songs on the EP, but that's probably my favorite right now."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FAN EXPERIENCE?

"I don't know if I have one favorite fan experience, but just being able to hear them sing lyrics back to me every night is probably my favorite experience for sure. Just [the fact that] they actually know the songs is crazy!"

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO AFTER A SHOW?

"Usually, I'm pretty tired after the shows 'cause it takes a lot of energy, so we'll usually just go back to the hotel and hang out, watch a movie, watch some TV, and just go to bed pretty quick. I mean, we'll hang out some, but not any parties or anything crazy."

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM YOU IN THE FUTURE?

"We'll finish up this tour at the end of this month, and then we're already planning a summer tour with some awesome people, so that'll be really great. Also just working on music and getting more stuff out probably. I don't know exactly when, but pretty quick I'd say."

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THE MISADVENTURES TOUR PIERCE THE VEIL

6/17/16 @ THE THEATER OF LIVING ARTS IN PHILADELPHIA

PHOTOS BY CAMI LIBERTY







MUSIC

**PHOTOS BY CARTER HOWE / STORY BY
NATASHA SHAGHAGHI**

"The whole purpose of my music is for people to have fun with it," says 19-year-old aspiring singer-songwriter from Boston, **GREER**. Greer's love for music first developed in his home listening to different genres of music with his family. His brothers listened to pop and hip-hop, his dad listened to rock, and his mom listened to country. Because of the variety of musical influences he grew up around, his original music held a large amount of genres, *"I wanted to be all over the place with my music and I wanted to have a song in every genre."* Two years later, Greer has found his place in music, and just in time, too, considering he plans on releasing an EP by the end of the year!

However, this will not be the singer's first EP. Two years ago, Greer released *The Sounds*, his EP containing two tracks: "High Off My Love" and "Fly". He describes *The Sounds* as a *"learning experience,"* as it was his first time ever working in a studio with a producer and songwriter. He explains it this way because he did not know what sound he wanted; it helped him figure out who he is as an artist. *"I have definitely matured both lyrically and sound-wise. I now have a better idea of who I want to be and the direction that I want to go in with my music."* Not only has the experience changed Greer's sound, but so has time, *"My inspirations are totally different than when I was 16."*



Who are his musical inspirations now? Greer states that Rihanna has a huge influence on his sound. *"I love how she puts her original attitude and style into her music,"* and he tries to do the same with his music. And his attitude and style *does* shine through his music! It shows in his latest single, "Blow Your Mind". The single is based off of a fantasy, and it really does show who he is through his imaginative side. *"The idea behind the song is meeting someone out and, without knowing anything about them, just hooking up."* Greer expresses that he wanted to create a story about two strangers getting together on appearance alone. He was inspired by the saying *"Your eyes are the windows to your soul,"* because it shows that people can be attracted to each other from the first glance.

Greer first began writing songs with his brother. Greer was always coming up with ideas for songs, which he then brought to the attention of his brother, who he explains has a way with words. The singer and his brother still write songs together. When seeking ideas for a new song, Greer turns to the internet, *"I go seeking inspiration from quotes, pictures and even people's Instagram captions. It's mainly Tumblr and Instagram that give me tons of inspiration for new lyrics or song ideas."* Greer enjoys writing his own songs because when he listens to a song, he immediately begins to study the lyrics, *"I love songwriters that are clever with words and metaphors."*

"Music has always been my 'thing.' While growing up, it was always my only hobby." Although this may be certain, it is clear from looking at Greer's Instagram that he does also enjoy fashion! He feels that fashion and music go hand in hand, *"Most of my favorite artists music style and fashion style are in the same vein, and I want to do that, as well. Music is one way to express who I am as an artist, and I feel fashion is equally important to let people know who I am."* His style is influenced by fashion photoshoots and ads that he sees. He states that he would love to pursue fashion in the future, along with music, *"It is definitely a lane I want to go in."*

"Music has helped me become more confident, as corny as it may sound. Discovering my purpose and passion has made me into the person I am." In the future, Greer hopes to continue pursuing music and discovering himself through it. After he releases his second EP, he intends to begin working on a debut album.

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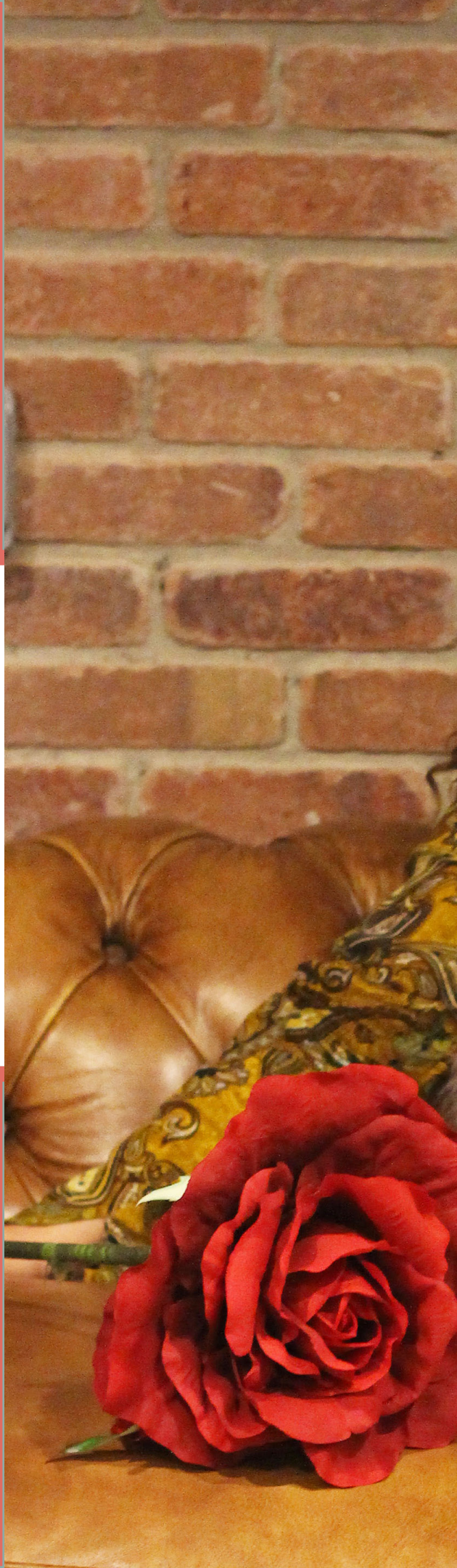


Just moments after the final show on her U.S. tour, the singer-songwriter talks how her style of music came to be, her third place title on American Idol, and her latest album, Better.

HALEY REINHART

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There isn't too much that tops an awesome performance by **HALEY REINHART** on a beautiful summer night in Asbury Park, NJ. Haley enters the stage with a roar from the crowd and immediately connects with her audience with some soul-filled pop/rock mixes that got the place pumped up and set the tone for a rocking night, *"I believe music is truly healing for the mind, body, and soul. I feel lucky and grateful that this passion has chosen me."*

When asked how she would describe her style of music, Reinhart comments, *"It's a roller coaster ride through pop, soul, and rock n' roll. Honest and true blue... My folks brought me up onto many different genres, and I soaked up so much. And specifically most of The Beatles repertoire."* She even says that her dream collaboration would be with Paul McCartney!

She was comfortable, sexy, and immediately entertaining the anxious crowd. Haley is only 25, yet has an old soul that is intriguing and captivating, *"I feel very connected to many different eras such as the 60s and 70s. I also grew up watching my parent's band tearing up the stage. I'd be delighted if that reflected into my music."* This young performer from Chicago got everyone moving in their seats. It was impossible not to feel the rhythm and movement in her music.

Backstage, after her encore, Haley was as welcoming and warm as meeting an old friend. She came out of her dressing room wearing a floral romper, a green bralet covered in gems, and *at least* 5 inch heels. Even after just coming off of the stage from her last performance on her U.S. tour to promote her new album, *Better*, she still managed to look fantastic.



Haley Reinhart has worked extremely hard for her achievements. Her name is familiar for a reason. She placed third on the 10th season of the FOX show, *American Idol*, *"It's exactly what I wanted to happen. It was an everlasting platform that turned my dreams into a reality. And the placing gives me enough space to branch out and be my own artist."*

Since being on the singing competition show, Haley has two albums, one being *Listen Up!*, which came out in 2012, just a year after her departure from *American Idol*. Recently, she recorded and released her second and latest album titled, *Better*. She says that she is rather fond of the fifth track on the album, *"Check Please"* *is super jammin' to play live."*

Haley writes the majority of her own music and states, *"There's no right or wrong way of going about it when creativity arises."* When asked about her favorite track, Haley replied, *"They're all my babies! I love 'em all for different reasons."*

In the next 5 years, Haley hopes to see herself with a Grammy, and, of course, her loved ones around her. For the rest of 2016, Haley will be heading to Europe for the second part of her *Better* tour! Tickets are available at haleyreinhart.com. *"I am also recording voice overs as 'Bill Murphy' on the second season of the animated Netflix series, F Is For Family! Check it out!"*



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