

Bastian Steven

Singer and Songwriter from the Netherlands.

“Soulful POP songs about life and connections between human beings. A reflection of today’s world and some very personal, dark and sunny times.

2019 has been an amazing year for Bastian! In April of 2019 Bastian released his debut EP ‘Disconnected-Wave one’.

“A summer full of festivals with Two shows on one of the biggest festivals of Europe: Tomorrowland, being support for Morcheeba at the beautiful ‘Amsterdamse Bostheater’ in Amsterdam, and a release tour in the US (Chicago, South Bend jazzfestival, St Joseph Michigan) with a show at the South Bend jazz festival it really was a great year”.

After the first EP, Bastian decided to release his new music in a different way:

"From October 2019 on: A new Single Every Month for a Year, on the 15th of every month! An EP and 12 singles as a bundle of 18 songs with the umbrella title: 'Disconnected'.

The songs on Disconnected are a reflection of what goes on in my mind. Writing the songs helped me catalogue my memories and think about the future. The songs made me deal with some of my hardest and happy moments. While for me the songs on Disconnected are about ‘of-the-moment subjects’, the songs are timeless and relatable to the listener. ‘Trail Of Happiness’ for example is a song I wrote when my grandmother died. She was the queen of the family. I can remember so many nights with family, talking about all the great memories we had together. I suddenly became aware that I was ‘up a rank’ in the family tree. In those moments I find myself thinking about the future. I think this is a feeling a lot of people can sympathize with.

We live in a world that seems to be getting smaller with technology. “Everybody is connected”. But is it really true? Sometimes i think we have moved away from the ‘real world’ and actually really are getting disconnected. We have stopped looking at and after each other and stare into a fake world on a screen all day. I believe the world we now live in screams for music that reconnects people. Next to being a musician, I hold a master’s degree in social science. I have always been interested in human behavior. Why do people do what they do and why do they act like the act. What lies underneath and drives actions. What you can’t see is far more interesting.

In Feb of 2020, right before the pandemic hit, Bastian played these songs with his band in Luxor Live and a live registration was recorded. “This night was so special because the band and the audience shared the dance floor. Bastian Steven and band took a position in the middle of the room, with the audience around them in 360 degrees. The audience and the band on the same height, on the same dance floor, provides a great energy.”

In October of 2021, Bastian released his new single 'Superman'. Superman is the first single from the new album. For this album Bastian works together with producer Jasper Zuidervaart (Chef Special, Jeangu Macrooy, Kris Berry).

'Superman' describes life in the past 1.5/2 years. 'Superman' is a cheerful soulful pop song that will make you want to dance and put a smile on your face. We all need that today. However, the text describes the gloomy side and the frustration about the loss of work, festivals, social contact. It describes the fear of growing dejection, polarization, and the curtailment of freedom. “Like a puppy inside his bench, I can't wait to go really fast”

On April 1, 2022, Bastian released a new single “Biggest Friend”. This song pays tribute to deceased friend Jos Huigsloot who passed away exactly 10 years ago. This song was included in the beautiful 'New Music Friday NL' playlist on Spotify.

New music will be released end of the year and in the beginning of 2023!

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