

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 at 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.”

On April 1, 2022, Bastian released his new single "Biggest Friend." "Biggest Friend" serves as the first single from his upcoming album. Bastian collaborated with producer Jasper Zuidervaart (known for his work with Chef Special, Jeangu Macrooy, Kris Berry) for this project.

In this song, Bastian pays tribute to his late friend Jos Huigsloot, who passed away exactly 10 years prior on that date. Following its release, the song immediately found a spot in the coveted 'New Music Friday NL' playlist on Spotify.

On July 29, 2023, Bastian released his second single, "Nothing." This soulful pop song explores themes of love and overcoming life's challenging moments together. It's a dynamic power ballad featuring real strings and a large choir in the final chorus.

Additionally, Bastian made an appearance as a contestant on the new Talpa talent show, 'The Talent Scouts,' this summer and made it to the semi-finals.

The new album is now complete, and the beginning of 2024 promises a wave of exciting new music. Bastian collaborated with many talented musicians on this album, including Maarten Kooymans on drums (known for his work with Komodo), Sven Figeer (Sven Hammond Soul), Timothy Banchet on keys (known for collaborations with Benjamin Herman and Gino Cochise), Lorijn von Pickarts on lead guitar (associated with MAAN), and strings performed by members of the Dudok Quartet, among others.

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