

From YouTube to fame

Logan Phelps is a 24-year-old world renowned singer-songwriter. His debut single 'Free Will' has been in the top ten of the UK album chart for 3 weeks running. Logan is a pop-rock artist who shocked the world with his phenomenal YouTube channel by uploading weekly videos of his original songs, hoping for his talent to be noticed. On 17th of May 2017 Logan's life began to change in the most positive way imaginable, as the video for the single "Free Will" received over one million views, the start of world wide success.

I meet Logan at the Hilton hotel, London - as I sit opposite him and admire the lively atmosphere of the bar, taking in the beauty of the surrounding festive decorations, I watch people faces drop in complete admiration. The sound of young teenagers' screams pierce my ears; as I watch them impatiently reach for their phones in the hope of getting a quick snap of the action they have always dreamt of being part of. Logan's outfit is casual; he is wearing a grey t-shirt, with black ripped jeans and a black leather jacket over the top. Although his clothes are casual his body language is uncomfortable, as it is obvious that I am sitting in front of a man who is humbled by the amount of attention of his newfound fame. Patiently we wait for the crowd to quieten, so that our interview can begin. Finally I am about to find out what makes Logan Phelps special.

What has your day been like today?

Today has been a very busy but productive day, I have been in the studio finalising the remaining tracks of the new album 'Innocence' and been in the PR offices having the "pleasure" of looking at mug shots of me, which as you can imagine becomes awkward especially when it's about to go on the front cover of the album for the world to see. After this interview I have the honour of attending the Pride of Britain awards.

Are you surprised how much life has changed for you over the last year, since to huge success of your number 1 single 'Free Will'?

Absolutely blown away by the support and kind comments I have received. To celebrate a number one single felt surreal for me and life has been a total roller coaster since. I am so thankful that people connected with and enjoyed 'Free Will'. Life has changed so much, performing on my YouTube channel, to recording in a real life studio and performing in front of thousands of people feels totally mad. I am so grateful.

How long did it take you to write and put together this album?

I have been working on the album for about a year. Some of the songs, like 'Free Will' I wrote before all the madness started and I am extremely proud that I have been able to create this album and had the privilege of working with some of the most amazing artists, who I have looked up to since I was a child. I am really excited about this album, as I feel that it perfectly describes me as an artist, including songs that reflect my personal life, and I hope my fans will be able to relate to, as well as some upbeat tracks for everyone to enjoy.

Who and what is your inspiration?

My biggest inspiration is my mum; I was raised by a single mum with very little influence from my father. My mum encouraged me always to express myself through music, she was the person that taught me how to play the guitar and was an amazing songwriter but put her career to one side to concentrate on raising me. While other kids were playing video games I was listening to old pop/rock music and dreaming big. I can honestly say without my mum I wouldn't be the person or artist I am today - she is one amazing woman. My other inspirations are the experiences I have had or witnessed in my life. Music is a fantastic outlet so I tend to use music to express my emotions in hope that it will help others.

I hear there is an exciting collaboration in the pipeline is this true?

News travels fast. Yes, I am currently working with Ed Sheeran on a new single, which as you can imagine is a dream come true. Ed has always been someone I have admired and his music is phenomenal. Honestly, it has been truly amazing and a privilege to have the opportunity to work with such a talented artist. I am excited for you to hear the outcome. That's all I can say about this at the moment, but watch this space.

This is the question all your fans want to be answered: who is the special lady in your life?

My Mum! Only joking I know what you mean. Well there is someone special but it's early days and we both want to try and keep it private for a while, at least until we decide if there's a chance of things developing further. But, who knows what the future holds.

Do you have a tour planned in the near future?

Absolutely, I am hoping to tour late next summer, once the album is fully established, it would be a total dream to get to meet the fans and perform personally for them. I will be looking to keeping the tour to smaller venues, to keep it intimate and give my fans an up close and personal experience that they won't forget.

With your busy schedule planned when do you get time to relax?

Relax! Yeah that does seem like a foreign concept to me these days. I don't get much time to just chill. I try to watch a few movies or listen to some music in-between performances but I probably won't get a decent rest or holiday until the end of the tour next year.

What artists do you enjoy listening to?

I like all music, from Kasabian to the 1975. I even like some of the slightly older material from Oasis and The Streets. I really like some of Ed Sheeran's new material, he's an amazing artist, and he is so talented.

What would be your advice to others trying to pursue their dreams?

Regardless of whether you want to be a singer, dancer, lawyer, teacher, never give up and believe in yourself. There are opportunities for everyone.

Work hard, stay true to yourself and never forget where you come from. All those things make you the person you are. I can honestly say don't let people discourage you, if you really want it, go for it. Don't stop practicing, don't give up, and just keep trying.

What great advice, thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to talk to us and congratulations on your success so far. Good luck with the upcoming tour, the collaborations and from myself and all the Inter-Music team and I'm sure all of your fans, all the best for the future. I'm certain we will be hearing a lot more from you.

The album 'Innocence' is available on iTunes from the 10th December and in stores from the 14th December. Don't forget to get yours, I am sure you won't be disappointed.