

Feature Article Draft

1. Name= Logan Nathan Royale Phelps

Age = 24

Genre = Pop/Rock, Guitar, Indie (Not Mainstream)

From = London, Lives In London (East End)

Album = Innocence

Singles = Freewheel,

INTERVIEW

Where? Regular hotel, not too fancy. Meet in bar of hotel.

Atmosphere? Lively, people there, evening.

Artist's attitude / mood? Relaxed, humble, orders a Jack Daniel's

What have they been doing all day? Recording studio, looking over options for album art,

Why interviewing him? Promote his new album 'Innocence'

Where did he get his big break?

What was his first song?

What's his family background?

What would he like to do next?

QUICK INTRO OF LOCATION

INTRODUCE HIM – ATTITUDE, LOOK, ACTIONS

PARAGRAPH = TOPIC INTRO FROM YOU, QUOTE FROM HIM...

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Logan Phelps is a 24-year-old world-wide singer-songwriter. His debut album 'Innocence' 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. Then on the 17th of May 2017 Logan's life began to change forever in the most positive way imaginable- he used his platform in order to promote his music, in particular he worked incredibly hard to promote his new album 'innocence'

I am meeting Logan here today at the Hilton hotel in London, as I sit opposite him and admire the lively atmosphere of the bar, taking in the beauty of the festive decorations that are placed neatly in several areas of the setting I watch people faces drop in complete admiration. The sound of young teenagers screams pierce my hears; as I watch them impatiently reach for their phones in the hope to get a quick snap of the action they have always dreamed of being a 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, it is obvious that I was sitting in front of a man who is humbled to this amount of attention of his newfound fame. Waiting for the crowd to quieten down so that our interview could begin without having to shout over the screams was going to take a while. But 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 its about to go on the front cover of the album for the world to see. Then 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 first number 1 song 'free will'?

Absolutely blown away by the support and kind comments I have received. To celebrate a number 1 single felt surreal for me and life has been a total roller coaster from then on. I am so thankful that people connected and enjoyed 'free will', from writing in my bedroom and preforming on my you tube channel to recording in a real life studio and performing in front of thousands of people feels total 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 song, like 'free will' I wrote before all this madness started and I have very proud that they have made it on to the album. The rest of the songs I have written and finalised over the last year, as I have had the privilege to work with some of the most amazing artist, who I have looked up to since the day I started YouTube channel. I am really excited about this album, as I feel that it perfectly describes me as an artist, including both songs that reflect my personal life, which I hope will be relatable for some and some up beat tracks for everyone to enjoy.

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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 song writer but put her career to one side to concentrate on raising me. While other kids was 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 seem 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.

Do you have a tour planned in the near future?

Absolutely, I am hoping to tour summer next year 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 already the country to kept it intermit. Leaving it till the summer after release will give me time to get feedback from my album and time to plan an all round great experience of a live tour.

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

Regardless whether you want to be a singer, dancer, lawyer, teacher or receptionist never give up and believe in yourself. There are opportunities for everyone, if you get that opportunity don't let it go without giving it your all. Work hard, stay true to yourself and never forget where you come from all those things made you the person you are.

What great advice, thank you so much for taking time out if your busy schedule to talk to us and congratulations on your success so far and for the future, I am sure we will be hearing your name a lot more.

The album 'innocence' is available to download on iTunes from the 10th December and in store from the 14th December, don't forget to get yours, I am sure you wont be disappointed.

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NOTES

Male artist, early 20's, Promoting new album, Meeting held in studio.

QUESTIONS

Where did you get the inspiration from to write the tracks on the new album?

Who came up with the title of the album and why?

Is there a tour planned?

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What song was hardest to write and why?

Is there any personal connections/memories with the tracks on the album?

How long did it take to complete the album?

Are there any other artists singing on the album?