

MARIUS BEAR

Marius Bear, Swiss born and living in London, has been hailed as an unforgettable voice, and he is already having an unforgettable year in 2019, having won the "Best New Talent" Award at the Swiss Music Awards in February.

His story could have sprung from a movie: Marius' singing talent was discovered by chance at the tender age of 21 whilst he was serving in the Swiss army. Commanding troops as a young lieutenant, a soldier quipped that his superior would be better singing than barking orders. A jam session with his soldier ensued the same night, and confirmed that Marius had real talent and would be better served holding a note rather than a gun.

After his military service he made the leap across the Atlantic, moving from his native mountains of Appenzell first to New York, and then London, earning his keep as a busker. Marius soon rolled into BIMM London for a one year course in music production, and started to hone his craft with local songwriters and producers. This period firmly shaped Marius' writing, with stories rooted in the contrasts between his origins and his adoptive London.

With the upcoming EP „Not Loud Enough“ (Release November 2019) Marius Bear steps onto the international stage. The first single „My Crown“ was playlisted by important radio stations in Germany such as SWR3, HR1, SWR1 and reached the Top150 in the official Airplay Charts in Germany. Spotify has highlighted the singles „My Crown“ and „Blood Of My Heartbeat“ in their „Pop Brandneu“ and „New Music Friday Deutschland“ (within the Top 10!) playlists. Apple Music included the songs in their „Future Hits“ and „A-List Pop“ playlists.

Co-songwriters and producers include Ian Barter (Amy Winehouse, Izzy Bizu, Paloma Faith), Eliot James (Kaiser Chiefs, Two Door Cinema Club, Noah & the Whale), Jimmy Hogarth (Amy Winehouse, James Blunt, James Bay, Paolo Nutini) and Mike Kintish (Jamie Lawson, JoJo) among others.

With 2019 already proving a success for Marius, the release of the EP is sure to see him join the ranks of a select guild of incredible male vocalists - Lewis Capaldi, Rag'n'Bone Man, George Ezra and Matt Corby have just gained a strong new contemporary.

Marius Bear @ ESNS: Friday 17.1.2020 at Vrijdag Main, 21:25 h

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