

Luke Metzler

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Luke Metzler releases album: “Portrait of the Young Man as an Artist”

Rochester, N.Y. – Luke Metzler is a breath of fresh pop music with catchy and captivating songwriting front and center on his debut album, *Portrait of the Young Man as an Artist*, and a deft melding of styles across every track. The album includes the recently released singles, *Disco Therapy*, *Something* and *Home*.

Portrait’s tracks range from the contemporary funk throwbacks, *Disco Therapy* and *Power*, to the arrow-straight-to-the-heart pop musings of *Home*, *Something* and *Set It Free*. The hard-driving *I Don’t Want to See You Cry* channels The Black Keys while layers of uplifting vocals inform the storytelling in *Reach* and *12 Hours in Oxford*. Strings resonate with poignancy in *Phoenix*, and *Shake (Just a Little Bit)* attacks with full force as a grimy dance number. *A Pretty Good Year* is a full-throated, bar-waltzing nod to Metzler’s Irish heritage, and the album closes with *In the Springtime (Hannah’s Song)*, an emotional tribute to Luke’s late sister.

Triumphant vocals and memorable hooks abound in this debut effort, highlighting Metzler’s keen melding of the personal and the profound. It’s all deftly wrapped in an amalgam of styles with a unified pop sound.

BACKGROUND:

Luke’s singing career began in elementary school talent shows back in Minnesota, singing the likes of *The Middle* by Jimmy Eat World and Guster’s *Careful*. By middle school, he was on to his first original, *Girl with No Place in My Heart* dripping with imagined angst. Aside from high school musicals, the creative juices truly began to flow with his basement band, Clearly From Negligence, which was named a Top Ten Teen Band by SchoolJam USA in 2011.

College beckoned, however, as did the a cappella bug with The Yellow Jackets of the University of Rochester. After a great college run, it was time to “light out for the territory,” as Huck Finn said. Luke has embarked on his indie music odyssey in support of *Portrait of the Young Man as an Artist*, and is in the process of setting the Guinness World Record for most friends’ couches slept on in one year.

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