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Growing up and living in a town that was a cradle to many great Slovenian artists such as KuZle, Kingstoni and Zabljena Generacija it's no wonder Banks picked up a guitar early in his teens. He is a staple in the local music scene, opening for various bands at the Čipkarija festival and playing local venues. One of his most notable performances was a show in Portorose, Slovenia, at the luxurious Hotel Kempinski. He also performed at the "11 ½ In Memoriam Peter Hafner Festival" in Škofja Loka.

In the last year he released 3 singles: "What Are You Looking For, Little Birdie and Nonina Kemija" with some of them also being featured on Radio Študent, Radio Primorski Val and Radio Prlek.

In September, he was invited by KuZle to be a part of their compilation LP "Naredte revolucijo za KuZle gre" where he rerecorded one of their songs. The compilation was released by Slovenian national record label RTV Slovenija in collaboration with the national radio station Val 202.

Banks is currently working on new songs and is planning many more releases this year.

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Idrija je rojstni kraj številnih odličnih slovenskih glasbenih skupin kot so Kuzle, Kingston in Zablujena Generacija, zato ni presenetljivo, da je bil Banks že od zgodnjega otroštva izpostavljen glasbi. Redno nastopa na lokalni glasbeni sceni, kot na primer na festivalu Čipkarija. Marca 2019 je imel enkratno priložnost igrati v prestižnem hotelu Kempinski v Potrorožu. Nastopil je tudi na 11 ½. Festivalu In Memoriam Peter Hafner v Škofji Loki.

V zadnjem letu je izdal tri single in sicer: What Are You Looking For, Little Birdie in Nonina Kemija. Pesmi so bile predstavljene na Radiu Študent, radiu Primorski Val in Radiu Prlek.

Septembra 2020 je bil s strani benda KuZle povabljen k sodelovanju pri vinilni kompilaciji "Naredite revolucijo za KuZle gre". Priredil in posnel je njihovo pesem "Ti si zvezda". Kompilacija je bila izdana pri ZKP RTV Slovenija v sodelovanju z Valom 202.

Banks trenutno dela na novem materialu in načrtuje še več izdaj kot lani.

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