



Bio

English singer-songwriter DD Allen's undeniable voice and heartfelt lyrics have earned widespread recognition on both sides of the Atlantic.

His rousing live performances are responsible for sold-out shows, a string of UK festival appearances, and a 2019 European support for LA-based funk-ed-up rock and rollers Vintage Trouble.



But it's DD Allen's emotive storytelling that garners widespread attention. In the antithesis of musical cliché, he waxes lyrical about people, places and situations with consummate metaphorical artistry.

"Imagination is incredibly powerful", muses Allen. "You can take the lyrics of a song and turn it into something incredibly personal. As a listener, nobody else sees what you see in your mind. You own the song."

Born in Bournemouth on England's south coast, DD Allen emerged on his local scene in 2014 performing songs written with an equal dose of lyrical dexterity and Dylanesque metaphor.

He made an immediate impact and quickly found an unlikely ally in James Blunt: "There's something exciting about the music of DD Allen — sort of a cross between Jake Bugg and Neil Young with a great deal of honesty in his lyrics".

After supporting Blunt on the Bournemouth leg of the 2014/2015 Moon Landing Tour, the media were quick to highlight Allen's lyrical virtues. "A songwriter in the mould of Dylan and Neil Young, DD Allen really is that good", claimed Louder Than War.

Yet despite the early recognition as a solo artist, Allen quickly grew restless and went electric in 2015.

His debut single 'Just Like The Old Days' (Oct 2016) arrived with all the energetic intent of a Killer's stadium anthem and found immediate support from Indie Shuffle.

The sophomore release 'Rebecca's Curse' (Jun 2017) premiered on Atwood Magazine, striving to carve out its own space and rise above the mainstream by emerging as a subtle and poignant statement to isolation and despair.



Allen's 3rd single, 'Never Felt So Far From You' (Feb 2018), saw a brief excursion into Americana and placement on Spotify's official Fresh Finds playlist.

Continuing to find favour with an audience intrigued by Allen's persistent reinvention, 2019 saw a return to the singers early rock guitar influences with a 2-track EP release called Bad Love.

The same-titled lead single served as a homage to The Rolling Stones early Exile on Main Street period, while 'Just a Little More' saw a nod to the influences of heartland rock's finest with a rousing sing-along chorus: "On the streets tonight, the songs all call your name".

But in all of this, lay a hint that DD Allen is an artist perpetually evolving his sound.

After teaming up with internationally acclaimed composer, keyboardist and pianist Issac Aryee in 2019, DD Allen's 2020 releases promise melodies that sweep effortlessly between chugging guitar verses and soaring choruses rich in overdriven guitars, synth and piano.

Spotify: <http://bit.ly/DDAllenSpotify>

Apple Music: <http://bit.ly/DDAllenAppleMusic>

Official Site: <https://ddallen.com>

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You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ddallenmusic>

Quotes

“DD Allen has done it again, a fantastic artist”

— **Alex Graham, BBC Radio Solent**

"DD Allen is making the kind of music deserving of any main stage at any of the top festivals. He's a huge talent. Awesome voice and a great songwriter. I'm anticipating big things."

— **Matt Spracklen (TV Judge, BBC1 Altogether Now TV, Mainly Music Pod, Hard Rock Cafe Piccadilly Circus Ambassador)**

“DD Allen has a brilliant voice. It harks back to the period of great charismatic singers such as Dylan, Van Morrison, Neil Young and Leon Russell — those singers that you only needed to hear a few lines to know who they are.”

- **Stuart Epps (Music Producer — Elton John, Robbie Williams)**

“A very, very cool band.”

- **Rob da Bank (Bestival, Camp Bestival founder)**

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- **James Blunt**



“DD Allen is a storyteller in the mould of Bob Dylan and Neil Young. I listen to hundreds of new albums a year but it has been a very long time since I have heard more beautifully written songs. DD Allen really is that good.”

- **Louder Than War**

“Oozing confidence and direction, DD Allen is the real deal with an awesome stage presence.”

- **Bournemouth Daily Echo**

Festivals Played

Boardmasters, Larmer Tree Festival, Purbeck Valley Folk Festival, Camp Bestival, Chagstock, Teddy Rocks, Smoked & Uncut, Tonefest, Arts By The Sea, Electric Picnic (Ireland), Grooves On The Green, Dorset Midsummer Festival, SUBU Summer Ball.

Biggest Shows To Date

Nov 2017 - The Big Home Town Headliner at The Old Fire Station, Bournemouth. 230 tickets sold.

Oct 2019 - Headlining Live and Unheard at the Lighthouse (Shelling Studio) in Poole. 180 tickets sold.



Highlights

2014: Selected to support James Blunt at the BIC.

2015: Selected to perform for UN General Secretary Ban-ki Moon.

2016: Awarded 'Best International Music Video' at the Cardiff Film Festival.

2017: Regional winner, Pogues Irish Whiskey Shot at Discovery.

2017: National finalist, Pogues Irish Whiskey Shot At Discovery. (O2 Islington.)

2017: National finalist, Bestival Invaders of The Future.

2017: National finalist, Best of British Unsigned Male.

2017: First headline show. (The Old Fire Station, Bournemouth.)

2018: Featured on Spotify's official 'Fresh Finds' playlist.

2018: Curated and trended on ReverbNation's new 'Discover' app.

2018: Featured on tastemaker Matt Spracklen's 'Mainly Music Podcast'.

2019: Supported Vintage Trouble in the Netherlands.

2019: Headlined Grooves on the Green festival.

2019: Sold-out show at the Lighthouse, Poole. (Live and Unheard.)

2020: Live and Unheard 'Bestsellers' headliner at The Brook, Southampton.

Influences

Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Ryan Adams, Coldplay, Maroon 5, The Feeling.

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