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## **Exile on Main Street Meets Born to Run in DD Allen's Infectious Debut EP**





Fresh off the back of supporting LA-based funk-ed-up Rock 'n' Roll band Vintage Trouble in the Netherlands, English singer-songwriter and guitarist DD Allen has announced the release of his debut EP 'Bad Love', available to purchase worldwide on all major media providers from 19 July 2019.

Allen's undeniable voice and heartfelt lyrics have earned widespread recognition on both sides of the Atlantic.

In his latest release, Allen digs deep into his roots to deliver a visceral sound full of energy and intent — a style he passionately refers to as "Heartland Rock 'n' Roll".

First rising to prominence in 2015 supporting an unlikely ally in James Blunt, DD Allen's debut and sophomore singles 'Just a Little More' and 'Rebecca's Curse' earned media plaudits on both sides of the Atlantic and a string of prominent UK festival performances.

Teaming up on 'Bad Love' with music producer Mark Tucker (Jethro Tull, PJ Harvey, Portishead), Allen crafts an exciting new repertoire inspired by the rawness of 'Exile on Main Street' and the relatability of heartland rock's most excellent including Bruce Springsteen and Tom Petty.

"I'm just a modern-day soul-searcher dancing on the contemporary side of rock and roll", Allen claims. "I've found my true sound. It's raw, it's honest, and it rocks."

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### **Editors notes**

DD Allen is an award-winning singer, songwriter and guitarist from Bournemouth, UK. He's amassed over 50,000 streams on Spotify and has performed at a number of high profile music festivals including Boardmasters, Larmer Tree, Chagstock, Teddy Rocks and Camp Bestival.

DD Allen also performed in the national finals of 'The Pogues Irish Whiskey Shot at Discovery' at the O2 Islington (2017), and is a former winner of the Bestival 'Invaders of the Future' competition (2017).

He's also supported LA band Vintage Trouble on two shows in the Netherlands (Jun 2019).

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### **Quotes**



“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)**

“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.”

- **James Blunt**

“DD Allen is a storyteller in the mold 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**



## Behind the songs

### **Bad Love**

Childhood sweethearts, bitter divorce, peace and long lost love rekindled. Bad Love charts the journey in a poignantly relatable storyline fit for modern times.

This is DD Allen heading back to his roots — emerging with a gutsy contemporary take on rock and roll with his distinctive pure vocals and a pulsating Keith Richards ‘esque’ rhythm at the core. Think ‘Exile on Main Street’ for the 2010s.

### **Just a Little More**

Just a Little More arrives with all the powerhouse momentum of Springsteen tearing up Thunder Road. A rousing anthem to loves young dream wanting just a little more than a one night stand.

There’s an authentic honesty in DD Allen’s lyrics. Less of the metaphoric Dylanesque lyricism featured in his former incarnation as a folk artist and more virtuous transparency inspired by heartland rock.

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