

Album Art

Before I knew much about my album, I knew that I wanted my piano on the cover. The piano I learned to play on, and the piano I wrote the title track Here's to My about. It has a broken soundboard, it's missing keys, there are books holding it straight, and it's terribly out of tune... But it's my favorite instrument in the world. It's where it all started.

My dad is a photographer, so him and I took A LOT of pictures of the piano, trying to get the right one. From there, it's into Photoshop. Over the years, I've done most of my graphic design myself. I'm no pro, but I've definitely learned a few tricks. The longest part of the process was removing the background. I was painstakingly careful because I wanted it to be perfect.

Then I had to figure out how to include the title. There are some pretty sweet fonts out there, but I wanted it to be personal, so I used my own handwriting. I wrote my name and the title a bunch of different times, scanned it into my computer and chose my favorite. This is what gave me the inspiration to offer limited edition handwritten CDs, as a way to make it even more special.

The rest of the album art was much easier (or maybe I was less picky). I knew that I wanted a very simple design, and I had a bunch of other piano photos to choose from. After looking at about 3427892374 examples, I decided to go for just the track listing and necessary information on the back. The inside cover gives thanks and shows how to find this fun info on my website. It highlights the well loved keys and natural wood of the piano, as well. The CD uses the same handwritten title and name as the cover.

I purposefully did not use any pictures of myself. I wanted it to be simple, but I also didn't want to date the album with 2016 Fiona. My hair and look changes so much, that I didn't want to look back in a year and regret anything. I like to think that it's timeless now, because pianos don't go out of style!

I love the story behind the album art... The piano that I grew up playing, my own handwriting, everything. And even with the missing ivory, you have to admit that it's a pretty piano!