

Tualatin Resident Finalist in National Songwriting Competition

BY SARA GREGORY

Tualatin resident Nate Botsford was selected as one of top two finalists in a national songwriting competition and traveled to NYC last week for a mentoring session with recording artist Ingrid Michaelson. Nate is opening the show for her and will play for fans, record execs and other music industry professionals. This is really big news in the music industry.

Sara Gregory interviews Nate Botsford:

I sat down with Tualatin singer songwriter Nate Botsford in order to give his fans and Tualatin residents a better idea of who he is and a background view of his music. His newest album Hourglass is available for download on iTunes and Amazon.



Q: WHO HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST MUSICAL INSPIRATION?

A: I actually have been influenced and inspired by quite a few different artists. Marcus Mumford from Mumford and Sons really inspired me with his songwriting, style and even in the way he performed. Also, Michael W Smith in my younger years, Bob Dylan and also Ray Lamontagne.

Q: DID YOU GROW UP IN A MUSICAL FAMILY?

A: My parents both play and sing a little. My grandpas were very musical. I idolized both growing up and believe they are a huge reason I am doing music.

Q: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SINGING?

A: As long as I can remember!

Q: WHEN DID YOU FIRST REALIZE YOU COULD SING?

A: I actually can't remember an exact moment when I realized I could sing. I just have always loved singing as long as I can remember. I started singing in the church when I was young and went from there.

Q: HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN LESSONS?

A: I started taking piano lessons when I was 6. When I was 13 I got my first guitar and taught myself how to play and fell in love with it.

Q: IF YOU COULD

COLLABORATE WITH ANY ARTIST, LIVING OR DEAD, WHO WOULD IT BE?

A: I think it would be Johnny Cash or Marcus Mumford.

Q: TELL ME ABOUT THE CREATIVE PROCESS WRITING YOUR NEWEST ALBUM HOURGLASS

A: The process for this album was very long. I had a great group of people around me during the whole writing and recording time. It was very much a mix of emotions throughout the whole process. Especially

with how emotional some of the songs are.

Q: YOU'RE ALWAYS ON THE GO. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU GET DOWNTIME?

A: When I do get downtime – I love coming home from a show when most of the world is asleep and starting up the Traeger. Grilling up some stuff and relaxing on my back porch helps me unwind.

Q: WHAT WAS THE FIRST SONG YOU EVER LEARNED?

A: You'll Think of Me by Keith Urban.

Q: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ALBUM?

A: Favorite album I think would be Mumford and Sons album Babel.

Q: WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING AN ARTIST?

A: Being able to connect to people by doing the thing I love most. Music connects people in a way that I believe nothing else can.

Q: WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO CURRENTLY?

A: A lot of country. I love how the songs almost always tell a story.

Q: WHAT DO YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR MUSIC?

A: I think the biggest thing I want people to know about my music is that my songs are very much written with the hopes that those listening can feel like the songs were written for them. I want people to really be able to connect to my music.



Nate Botsford opening for Ben Folds at the Roseland Theater in Portland.

Q: WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS?

A: I hope to have a family started that's for sure. I also hope to be doing some touring and continuing to do what I love most.

Q: SO WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

A: This fall we will begin pre-production on the new album. I am very excited to start that!

You can stay up to date regarding show dates and new music on his Facebook page at Nate Botsford Music and on his website at NateBotsford.com. Nate was recently featured on 101.9 KINK FM. Tune in and request if you'd like to hear more! For booking inquiries contact Sara@museartistdevelopment.com.



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