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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: BO EN

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THE VOICE OF NEW TRIER

bo en

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The 31 year British singer, songwriter and video game producer first made his mark on the music world back in 2013 with his studio album *Pale Machine*. His style can be described as eclectic, with an emphasis on genre hopping. In a Fader article from 2015, bo en explained how his genre of music is "something I 'do,' not something I 'am.' I'm just not convinced that there's some essential, unchangeable me conveying a meaningful and unquestionable truth in music or anything else. So I try to make a big mess of signs, or make the signs so direct and culturally self-refuting that people give up on the game and realize that it's a constructed performance." True to his ideology, bo en's music can often be heard switching the style and tone in the middle of songs.

bo en has been featured in a multitude of game soundtracks since 2013, but the 2020 breakout indie horror video game *Omori* launched his song 'My Time' into popularity. The song now has over 35 million streams on Spotify and continues to be large part of the *Omori* community.

With only 56 minutes of music published by bo en and one album to name in the span of almost 10 years of creating music, it could be assumed his fan base is dwindling. However, the very opposite is true. With almost 700,000 monthly listeners on Spotify alone, bo en continues to entrance his audience with ease.

Writer's note: As an avid fan of bo en, I would suggest listening to the songs 'My Time', 'sometimes' and 'Every Day' to get a feel for his music!

Scan the QR code
to listen now!



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THE 25TH ANNUAL LOLLAPALOOZA FESTIVAL

Raina Patel

This year's lineup for Lollapalooza was recently released. Held in Chicago from July 28th to July 31st, here's must-have information if you're considering attending this popular event.

Headliners for the festival include Green Day, Dua Lipa, J.Cole, and Metallica. There are over 170 acts total including artists such as Glass Animals and Fletcher. In addition, local vendors will provide food. "Kidzapalooza" will also be held, a family-friendly version of the popular music festival.

Four day tickets are available from \$350 to \$4,200. No information about vaccination status or mask requirements have been released. However, check out the official website at <https://www.lollapalooza.com> for more updates.



Entertainment News

Sam Roberts

Spring has been an exciting time for the entertainment world, with big highs and striking lows.

First, the elephant in the room: Will Smith slapping Chris Rock. At this point, everyone's seen the iconic clip of Smith calmly walking up to the stage at the Oscars and, as Rock put it, "slapping the [expletive]" out of him.

Rock made a bald joke about Smith's wife Jada, who has a hair loss condition called Alopecia. At first, Smith laughed at the joke, but after seeing his wife's reaction, things got serious. Smith has issued a formal apology to Chris Rock and has officially resigned from the Academy of Motion Pictures. Rock has brought no charges against Smith at this time.

In gaming news, April marks the release of the newest Lego Star Wars game, *The Skywalker Saga*, which reportedly has more than 100 hours of gameplay and includes voice acting from the original Star Wars actors. The previous Lego Star Wars release, *The Complete Saga*, sold more than 50 million copies after its initial release in 2007. In terms of other successful game franchises, the battle royale game *Fortnite* has furthered its partnership with Marvel Studios by implementing the character Doctor Strange in the game's newest update. This partnership is likely a promotion for Marvel's upcoming movie, *The Multiverse of Madness*.

Last, and certainly least, is the dismal release of Marvel's *Morbis*. The film's opening weekend grossed less than \$40 million in box office sales. Considering the film's \$75 million budget, it's not exactly a strong start. Film reviewers aren't happy with Marvel's new content, either. Low-star ratings and criticisms of the film's basic story structure and cliché development litter review pages. The film's star, Jared Leto, was supposedly going to come back into the spotlight after the negative response to his portrayal of the Joker in DC's *Suicide Squad*, but unfortunately for him, his next big thing turned out to flop as well.





THE RECORDING ACADEMY'S
64TH ANNUAL

GRAMMY AWARDS

Rami Afifi

2021 was a year where many different types of music thrived, from larger genres like pop and hip-hop, to more backseat categories like jazz and folk music. Many of these different categories are celebrated yearly at the Grammy's.

The 64th Annual Grammy Awards took place on April 3rd at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, and were hosted by *The Daily Show's* Trevor Noah, who also hosted last year's ceremony. While many of the categories were televised on the main stage, some of the victories were announced in a non-televised premiere ceremony taking place before the main show.

Out of all of the nominees and winners in the pop categories, no one seemed to have as big of a year as Olivia Rodrigo. The 18 year old singer/songwriter and Disney actress took home awards for Best Pop Solo Performance (*drivers license*) and Best Pop Vocal Album (*SOUR*), as well as a win for Best New Artist.

Seattle rock band Foo Fighters made history at this year's Grammy Awards, sweeping all three rock categories for Best Rock Song (*Waiting on a War*), Best Rock Performance (*Making a Fire*), and Best Rock Album (*Medicine at Midnight*). The Foo Fighters were scheduled to perform at the awards ceremony this year, but pulled out after the tragic death of their drummer Taylor Hawkins. The time slot scheduled for their performance was replaced by a tribute video to the late drummer.

The winners in the hip-hop range all showed great impact on rap music last year, with Baby Keem winning Best Rap Performance for *family ties* featuring his cousin Kendrick Lamar in the televised ceremony. Best Rap Album would go to Tyler, The Creator for his album *CALL ME IF YOU GET LOST*, narrated by DJ Drama.

Chicago native Kanye West took home two Grammys for songs off his tenth album *Donda*, with *Hurricane* winning best Melodic Rap Song, and *Jail* winning Best Rap Song. However West, also known as Ye, was banned from performing at this year's show after a controversial Instagram post targeted at host Trevor Noah. Others nominees in the Hip-Hop category included J. Cole, Megan Thee Stallion, Nas, and Lil Nas X among others. Drake was also nominated for 3 Grammys before removing his nominations in December 2021.

The Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak-led soul band Silk Sonic had some big wins in the general field and R&B categories, with their debut single *Leave The Door Open* winning both Song Of The Year and Record Of The Year.

Of course, we can't talk about the GRAMMY's without mentioning the amazing performers. Some of the highlights this year include electrifying performances from Lil Nas X with Jack Harlow, Billie Eilish, Jon Batiste, Justin Bieber with Giveon and Daniel Caesar, BTS and Lady Gaga.

Of the ten artists nominated for Album of the Year, Jon Batiste would take home the trophy in what some considered to be a surprising choice for his album *We Are*.

The *Soul* composer and *Late Show with Stephen Colbert* pianist also had the most nominations of any artist this year, with 11 nods in total.



Spring

PLAYLISTS

ELLA WHITE

Spring is here! We've waited for the flowers to bloom and snow to melt. Enjoy these two Spring inspired playlists.

"Underworld" is the perfect playlist for a dark spring day: when all you want to do is curl up with a good book. Featuring artists Lana Del Ray, Phebe Star and Suki Waterhouse.

"Wish You Were Here" is full of beautiful songs that are made for a day full of wistful thinking. Marina Lee, the playlist creator, chose artists Pink Floyd, John Lennon and Frank Ocean. Lee's take on this playlist was to "create a sick playlist for those times I need to just drive. I imagine my windows down. That's the vibe of this playlist."



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