

Damian Roos



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Damian Roos is a graduate of UCT's College of Music who, at the age of 25, is having a stellar start to 2022 with his debut single *Every Time I Think of You* - a song about love and lament - chart on local radio in Cape Town (currently at number 17 on the top 40).



Roos looks to the masters in R&B and soul for inspiration and models his work around the vocal prowess of the likes of Whitney Houston, Dionne Warwick, Luther Vandross and The Clark Sisters.

I caught up with this rising star last week:

■ ***What is your job description?***

I am a passionate singer-songwriter and a vocal coach.

■ ***What does music mean to you?***

It's my way of life.

■ ***My music is about...***

Love in all forms.

■ ***What is your motto?***

Take the chance.

🎵 ***Fame is about...***

A large amount of people being familiar with who you are.

🎵 ***Retirement will happen when...***

Retirement? What's that?

🎵 ***I don't do...***

Parties.

🎵 ***I would love to co-write with...***

Adele and Bruno Mars.

🎵 ***Where do you go for inspiration to create?***

I go to my practice room at home and I begin the creative process and turn those thoughts, emotions or events into a song.

🎵 ***What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?***

Being in the recording booth.

🎵 ***The song you must do in every show:***

A definite must perform is *Every Time I Think of You* - my current radio hit.

🎵 ***My heroes:***

Whitney Houston. Listening to her and watching her deliver that incredible vocal gift is a joy.



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🎵 ***My style icon:***

Chad Saaiman, a sharp dressed man.

🎵 ***What is your most treasured possession?***

Definitely my phone. I do everything there.

▣ ***It's your round. What are you drinking?***

A virgin everything. I don't consume alcohol.

▣ ***Dream gig to do:***

Headlining the North Sea Jazz Festival.

▣ ***Nicknames:***

Dimples - blame my dad.

▣ ***If you were not a musician, what would you do?***

No other jobs come to mind.

▣ ***Pick five words to describe yourself:***

Anointed, smart, quiet, goofy and kind.

▣ ***What are you streaming?***

The Clark Sisters, Whitney Houston, Dionne Warwick, Burt Bacharach and Hal David.

▣ ***Greatest movie ever made:***

Sparkle (the 2012 remake).

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▣ ***What books are you reading?***

I've read many books as a result of my academic writing at university, so nothing right now.

▣ ***What song changed your life?***

I'm Looking For A Miracle by the Clark Sisters. That song has changed my life in ways that I can't believe. Many of my recent successes have been due to that song - graduating from UCT and my overall confidence in everything I do.

▣ ***Who do you love?***

Myself, family and friends.

▣ ***What is your favorite word?***

Oh my word.

▣ ***Top of your bucket list:***

To release more music this year.

▣ ***Your greatest achievement:***

Graduating from UCT.

▣ ***What do you complain about most often?***

Noise of any kind.

▣ ***What is your fear?***

Experiencing writer's block. That is a creative's worst nightmare - not being inspired or able to create.



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▣ ***Happiness is...***

Minding your business and continuing to do you.

▣ ***On stage, I tend to?***

Close my eyes to really connect with a song.

▣ ***The best life lesson you have been taught:***

Become clear about who you are.

▣ ***What has been your favorite journey so far?***

Getting my Drivers' License. Nothing has been more liberating.

▣ ***Do you do charity work and if you do, what do you do?***

Not currently, but I'm always eager to share knowledge with those in need.

▣ ***Wishes and dreams:***

To have a successful music career, with the focus being on my passion. I would like to touch the hearts of as many people as possible through my music and for me to reach my full potential.

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