

Emily Warren

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My very first exchange with Emily Warren was a year ago. At that time the magazine wasn't even launched, and Emily was above all known for the songs she wrote for other artists. A year later, I am delighted to trace her on tour alongside The Chainsmokers. But I am especially ecstatic to hear about her official debuts as solo artist. Consequently she pleases us with her first single *Hurt by You* released last May 5th that allows us to enter more into her magnificent musical world.

**It is such a pleasure to chat with you again, a year after our very first interview! I remember when you said last time that your dream to fulfill in 2016 was to continue what you were doing and keep moving forward. Looking at the life you're currently living, can we say that your wish is granted?** Yeah one hundred percent! I feel very lucky that things have been moving onwards and upwards. Definitely the mentality of just taking whatever opportunities come my way and holding on to what I believe in has helped me get to where I am right now. Definitely a dream come true!

**After the release of *Capsize* you multiplied the live performances until stopping by the *Jimmy Kimmel Live*. Last September you also were on the *KAABOO* music lineup. What is your favorite part of performing on stage?** Being on stage is surreal, and I'm happy to say I've shaken the nerves and gotten very comfortable with being on stage. Now I get to just have fun! Especially now that I am on tour with The Chainsmokers and singing in front of 10,000+

people almost every night. It's such an adrenaline rush. It's been fun challenging myself and trying new things on stage. Nothing compares to singing to a crowd that's singing your lyrics back to you. It's the best.

**Moving forward with your great journey alongside Drew and Alex from The Chainsmokers, it seems you still continue to creatively click together. Let's not forget about the Grammy that *Don't Let Me Down* won last February. Was that something you expected to become true when you wrote the lyrics with your friend and regular work partner Scott Harris?** Definitely did not expect that. I don't think I could have ever guessed that that song would have done what it did, much less win a Grammy! It was all so insane and perfect. And I am so happy that it happened with the people I love making music with the most.

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**Since last April you've been a part of their *Memories Do Not Open Tour*, travelling from arena to arena across the country. What is the best thing you believe you'll take away from that experience? How did you personally prepare yourself for this adventure?** I don't think I could possibly even quantify how good of an experience this has been so far for me. First of all, this is my first tour and everyone is so lovely, welcoming and supportive. We are having the time of our lives. At the end of the day we get to perform in front of a huge crowd. I'd say it were a dream come true but I never would have dreamed this up. It's too good! But honestly, my takeaway is that if you treat everyone with

kindness, the way Drew and Alex do, that kindness will be returned to you. The way they conduct their business is amazing and I've definitely learned a lot from watching them do so.

**You previously said that the one consistency you hoped to always maintain as an artist was honesty. Do you feel that the music you release today and your writing both evolved over time, compared to your former sounds?** I am very happy to say that although the sonics and styles are evolving the honesty still remains. If anything, I've become even more selective with the songs I keep my vocal on, as I really don't ever want to put something out that's not genuine and true. The writing, beyond that, I think is constantly evolving as the more I write with other people the more I pick up and learn from them.

**This Friday 5th May was also a special day for you, as you made your debuts as a solo artist with your single *Hurt by You*! What's the full story behind it?** I wrote this song with Scott Harris and Nick Ruth in New York, and it sprung from a conversation we were having about my boyfriend when it was still quite early on in our relationship. I was saying to them that it seems to me all relationships are doomed and it was scary for me to think that I was putting myself in such a vulnerable position, in a position where I could get seriously hurt. But those thoughts are poisonous when you're falling in love with someone. So this song is a sort of reminder to myself to not hold back, to love completely, regardless of the risk I might be taking.

**Does it mean that you are going to make more solo songs for yourself?** Absolutely! I'm planning on releasing a few more songs and then an album. I am really excited to share these songs... They're a snapshot of this time in my life and what I'm going through, and it has been so much fun working with my friends on this and coming up with a sound that is unique and me. You can definitely expect more organic sounds, more storytelling in the lyrics, and hopefully something like you haven't heard before.

**Among all the things you've accomplished until now, what is the one you consider as your greatest achievement?** That is a tough question. But honestly I would say that I'm very proud of how my team and I have built what we've built. Being genuine and fair and honest and caring is our model, and I believe that much of my current success comes from the fact that we want to be good people first and treat people with kindness and respect. So that is what I'm most proud of.

**To sum up, to what extent did Emily Warren's life change in a year? How do you feel when you look at all the incredible work you've done since your debuts in the industry?** It's funny you say that actually because I always remind myself to think about what's happened in a year to get perspective. It's been insane every day seems crazier and more exciting than the last and to be totally honest I'm just having the best time ever!! I can't believe this is my life. I am so grateful for all the people I've met and worked with, and most of all I feel so lucky to be able to pursue what makes me happiest and to see that it's touching peoples lives in any way. That feels good.

**As of now what are your plans for the future from a professional point of view and as a person?** I would absolutely say the most important advice is to trust your gut. Believe in your own vision and trust yourself. If you think something's good, it's good, if you don't it's not. If you can have the confidence to be the ringleader than the people around you will take your lead.