

DAMIEN

Born in 1975 in Queens, NY USA, Damien took a liking to music at an early age. Damien's early musical influences covered an extensive range. From James Brown to The Temptations; through to the Beatles and Jimi Hendrix, Damien was encouraged by his parents to take in a wide variety of music. Within his exploration Damien discovered that music was in his blood. "There really wasn't a moment I didn't have a tune in my head", he explained.

It was on tour with a gospel choir during his high school years, that Damien experienced a desire through singing, expression and visiting new places to make writing music, performing on stage and becoming a recording artist his calling. After high school Damien joined the Army to fund his education, and found himself abroad in Germany where he has been living for the past 16 years.

From 1994 to 1998, Damien began to put together a "Demo" in order to find a record label, but he found lack of funds to be a major problem. "I couldn't afford to go into a professional recording studio, so I decided to make one of my own", he commented. In order to finance his recording studio, Damien jobbed part-time as a DJ and satisfied his need to be on stage with small performances (after discharge from the Army). But singing songs from other artist's wasn't enough. Damien began to write his own songs, based on dark and morbid poetry, that he had been writing since high school. Now his pain and sorrow, is mirrored in his lyrics, accompanied by, Gothic/Ambient music and experimental extras. In March 2009 Damien released his first album "Severed Connections", with the words "This is only the beginning, there is so much that needs to get out".

As for the future, perhaps I will let Damien speak for himself. "I like to take things step by step and not rush into thoughts and ideas that are not thought out completely (I'm a perfectionist). I have released my first album in March of this year so the next step for me will be to try to get a tour put together. Venues like Rock am Ring in Nurnberg Germany, or Madison Square Garden in New York are places that I really want to perform. But like I said I am just taking it step by step at the moment but I still dream." He continued to say, "With my music, I want to welcome people into my world, and show them that they are not alone".

Wherever he is, whatever he does I have a feeling that Damien will be forever consumed by the music!

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