

Alex Wang

Come out of my dreams and into my life

- By Hwei Sien Lie

It started as a dream. A dream to be a singer and to share his songs with the world. Now, this dream has become a reality. Ladies & Gentlemen, meet Alex Wang, a NUS Business School student who had done what most of us can only dream of doing. He recorded his very own album from scratch, doing everything from song writing to album art. Today, you can find his album being promoted at HMV. All because he had a dream, a dream he chose to pursue and fulfill.

Alex, you have recently launched your very first album, which is titled 'Someday'. Could you tell us a little about yourself and your music?

Well, it started quite a few years ago, when I was fifteen. I was in secondary three and my brother started taking guitar lessons. He taught me a few chords and just lied that, I was playing! It then occurred to me that I could write a song. So I wrote my first song and after that, I sort of decided that this will be my life path because I get so much enjoyment out of it and performing and I guess I just never looked back from that point. I just keep going forward and getting better at it.

What made you decide to take that leap of faith at the expense of a university education?

Well, it's not really at the expense of my university education, I will still be continuing my degree. But to me, what is important is not so much a piece of paper, but to be able to live a life with as little regret as possible. I want to be able to look back at this chapter of my life and say: 'Ok, I saw the opportunity. I had these choices and I went in and I did it. And I think that when I am 70 or 80, I will be sitting at the fireplace talking to my grandchildren and say that I had a life well lived. I didn't let a piece of paper stand in the way of my dreams. I am not saying that a university education is not important, but you have to do what it takes to realize your dreams. And for me, my dream is to make music.



Your new album is titled 'Someday'. Does it represent anything special?

Well, it was titled after one of the songs in the Album, and it is a little fantasy that I have. The song talks about a dream which the person is singing about. He falls in love with this other person that he saw in his dreams and then he wakes up it is like: 'Oh, it was just a dream, but yet he has fallen passionately in love with this person and he is singing about how some day he is going to bring this person from his dream and into his own life. It is actually an analogy of sort to my dreams to become a singer and a song writer. For so many years it has remained as something that might happen. And I hope that someday I could make it happen.



Where do you derive your inspiration from in creating your music?

I am inspired generally by people around me. I have been known to write songs after talking to people, you know. I think events in life and experiences have inspired me a lot, you know what you see on the roads, of the conversation you have with your friend, people you meet. Things that you yourself or I myself actually go through is very inspiring because when I write, I try to write about life and I write about my own experiences. So a lot of my music is very personal. It is actually very reflective of who and what I am. So all that is very important to me

Someday, I'll find the words to say

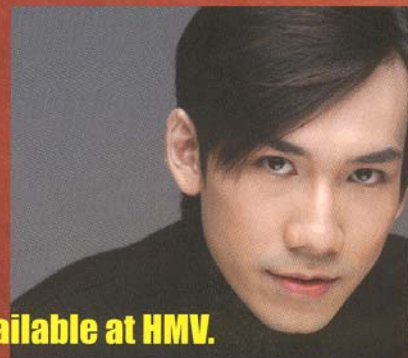
And which one is your favourite?

My favourite track would be 'When I am Alone'. The reason why that is special is because I wrote it here at NUS, at the Bizad canteen. It was like early in the morning just after a rain, before I went to the first lecture of the day, and I didn't intend to write a song, I was writing a poem instead. But when I got home, and when I sat down at the piano, tunes started to come to me. I like it because it is very reflective of where I was at that moment. It captured my feelings at that point very well.

What do you hope people to achieve when they listen to your album?

I hope that they would be able to find some truth in what they are hearing. Because if they are able to empathise with what I am singing about or the experiences that I am conveying through my songs, that would be very important to me. If they are somehow encouraged or inspired by the music, that would be terrific for me as well. I want my audience to actually think about the song, think about the lyrics, because, it comes from somewhere that is very close to my heart. I feel that if they are able to ponder the words a little, they might discover something interesting about themselves as well.

More information about Alex is available @ www.alex-wang.com



Alex Wang's debut album "Someday" is now available at HMV.