

# MAJOR

KAMI

# How can a French collective bring together artists from all over the world to release an album and its videoclips without ever having met each other !

All the links you will need are on the last page.

The collective named **DAMde8**, born in 2019, based in **Bordeaux (France)**, gathers about thirty people (artists and speakers from different countries). Fifteen of these people have put into practice their skills and the principles of collaboration instilled by **DAMde8**.

Today they present the album **MAJOR JONES**, sun<mark>g by **Major Kami** and their guest, **Sarah Jay from Massive Attack.**</mark>

The challenge they set themselves for this electropop album, visited by the spirit of **David Bowie**, was to talk about his life without his name ever being mentioned in the lyrics.

# Making the album

**Denis Expert** began the compositions in 2020 on a corner of his dining room table , with a mini master keyboard which allowed him to record everything on his computer, also composing the melodies he hummed in "*yoghurt*" (French expression that means singing random words or incomplete sentences).

His friend **Dan Burkhart**, composer, arranger and sound engineer, came in help. Thanks to him, the sound and harmonic production took on a strong meaning.

The only thing left to do was to find a singer !

As **Denis** is constantly searching on social networks, he solicits several male and female singers, but his choice quickly goes towards a female voice to avoid a "male competition" with **David Bowie** 's voice.

After several unsuccessful attempts, and some abandonments, he hears the voice of this **Canadian singer** who lives in **Singapore**. Without knowing her, he suggested that she listen to the songs in "yoghurt".

She loved the theme he proposed.

### Her real name is **Camille Miller** and she is involved as a writer.

For some of their songs, the lyrics come entirely from her (*Burns in the Barns; Mystical Musical Maze ...*), or from him (*Major Jones; Coco Dancing...*).

From the songs, the participants seduced by this universe have blossomed by creating visuals and videos. It is impossible here to mention the names of all the contributors who intervene in their field.

### You will find the link to their bio mentioned on next page.

The confidence and audacity of this group is great, but so is the musical space on social networks. How to find them and talk about them ?

It is to you that they now turn, to help them go further in order to keep alive this whole world of committed artsts, who still believe in the paradoxes of utopias that come true.

# Organization of the release program

The release are took place on **October** and **December 2022**, the next are planned for **February** and **March 2023**.

Artistic residencies are provided in France in April 2023

# First 3-track EP on October 21st, 2022

- <u>Major Jones</u> ( **>** <u>link Major Jones</u> )
- Coco Dancing
- <u>A Better Future</u> ( Cover versi<mark>on of David Bowie)</mark>

### Second 3-track EP on December 2nd, 2022

- <u>Skandal</u> ( **>** link Skandal : soon )
- <u>IYOAB</u>
- Burns In The Barns

# Third 3-tracks EP on Fe<mark>bruary 3nd, 2023</mark>

- <u>Wild Bo...</u> ( <u>Iink Wild Bo...</u>)
- <u>Smuggle in The Strange</u>
- <u>Modern Love</u> ( Cover version of David Bowie )

# **International press : some reactions**

### **Major Jones :**

- Info Music
- <u>VISHALNAIDU</u>
- <u>Music for all</u>

### **Coco Dancing :**

- <u>SongWeb</u>
- <u>Pop Muzic</u>
- <u>KARTIK SUNDAR</u>

### **A Better Future:**

- <u>London</u>
- KARLEY MYALL StrikeANote
- <u>Sinusoidal Music</u>

### Skandal :

- Less Than 1000 Followers
- <u>YMX Mesmerized</u>
- <u>Artisti Online</u>

### IYOAB:

- Music For All
- <u>ORS</u>
- Thoughts Words Action

### **Burns in the Barns:**

- <u>Sistra/Beware woles</u>
- Indie Clock
- Info Music

# Links :

- DAMde8 values and history
- The bios oof all the actors of the MAJOR JONES album
- For your curiosity, welet you discover the achievements of the other actors.

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