

Benjamin Russell - Bio



A singer-songwriter, painter from Saskatoon, now living in Montreal, Benjamin Russell is known for his hit single, *MIRACLE*, for which he was nominated, "Most Promising Male Vocalist", in the 80s. He has released many albums, singles and videos, and has shown his paintings in exhibitions.

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Benjamin started playing guitar while in high school. The first song he learned was *House Of The Rising Sun*, on the Silvertone electric guitar he bought from the Sears catalog.

His vinyl debut, released in 1981, "**Double A Side**" with *BROKEN-HEARTED LOVERS / WHO SHOT JOHN LENNON?*, was a big seller in Europe and he still has fans asking for both these songs.

2023 was a banner year and saw the release of a solo album, *FRONTIER*, an album length sleep aid called, *AMBIENT WHITE NOISE WAVES FOR SLEEP*, and two collaborations with producer Rob Stuart: a full length album, *SOMETHING IN F MINOR* and an EP released in December called, *BRIGHTER LIGHT*.

2024 promises to be busy with the launch of a new solo album, *PLEASURE CENTER (Feb. 7)*, an EP collaboration with Greg Fraser, *GHOST PARTICLES (Messages From Rudi Van Steene)* (spring 2024), and another EP with Rob Stuart (summer 2024).

He comes from an era when it was normal for artists to go where their creativity led them, so he offers no excuse. He may not be as famous as some of his influences, but he believes he deserves the creative latitude allowed **The Clash, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, David Bowie, Adele and Kanye West.**

Accolades...

FRONTIER was named a **top 15 album** and *ONE LOVE (Cowboy Reggae Mix)* from that album was in the **top 50** songs for 2023 by Jimm Kjelgaard on the Sol of Synthpop show.

SOMETHING IN F MINOR landed on Artefaktor Radio's **top album** list for 2023.

BRIGHTER LIGHT garnered a spot on Paul Harwood's 2023 **top 10** EP list.

Praise for FRONTIER...

"...one of the biggest talents in this, or any other, country...songs are so full of hooks and strong melodies...tracks that grow stronger with each spin..."

- Aaron Badgley, Spill Magazine

"I can see this in a James Bond film. It's absolutely stunning - it blew me away! This is WHEN THE BUBBLE BREAKS, a duet with Shimmer Johnson. Benjamin Russell, from the album, FRONTIER, and it's so good, I need to share another from Benjamin and this album and this is ONE LOVE (The Cowboy Reggae Mix)."

- Suzanne Letting - Let's Get It On show

"Timeless pop sensibilities, a strong vocal performance and a flair for arrangement are all strengths of "Frontier (2023)", the title track from the upcoming album from Benjamin Russell. All but impossible to pin to a specific genre or even time period, this is well made, adult-focused non commercial pop - the kind of stuff that's hard to market but easy to like."

- Ether Diver

"Fabulous. It's like Disney animated movie soundtrack stuff. Melodic rhythmic and bright. I doubt I'll hear anything else more engaging today."

- Div Allan, Matrix Div

"...a song that makes you feel good about yourself."

- BILLCS New Music Report