

Matthew Monias / Mattmac
Artist & Music Producer



Blind music producer and recording artist Mattmac has harnessed his melodic pop-trap beats and inspiring story, quickly establishing himself as ‘one to watch’ on the national scene with more than 5 million+ streams across platforms, and critical acclaim across CBC, CTV, Virgin Radio, and more. Following “20/20”, his chart-topping and award-winning debut album, Mattmac released his second, full length album, Blurred Visions— available now!

The sophomore offering, Blurred Visions, tackles the Manitoba-based artist’s more ambiguous struggles and challenges, both personally and professionally. A ‘coming-of-age’ chronicle of sorts, the 11-track LP covers themes of social pressure, anxiety, navigating new love, new responsibilities that come with recognition, extreme isolation, and more — all while trying to set new sonic standards for his self-produced sound, songwriting, and ascension as an artist.

The album takes place between two spaces: the reserve and the city, with some songs recorded in Mattmac’s childhood home, and others recorded in various locations throughout Winnipeg — including No Fun Club Studio. The reason for this is rooted in Mattmac’s need to move to the city to pursue his music career more intentionally and conveniently; at 21 years of age, however, this proved to not be a straightforward or clear path. With minimal guidance and support, Mattmac explores the unknowns of his career in a big city alongside the

constant social pressures and hard news of loss coming from Garden Hill — the place he always called home.

“I was able to work through the blurriness and uncertainties of my future, and find a new creative space to build my life and career from,” he shares.

// ABOUT MATTMAC

Originally from Garden Hill First Nation, born blind, and growing up surrounded by music, Mattmac quickly found it to be an effective coping mechanism and took to singing in his community’s gospel choir. From there, he started making beats and writing songs, teaching himself how to play piano and guitar along the way. He attributes his competencies to the support of the Bling & Famous group — a USA-based collective of blind music artists who collaborate and connect with one another through the internet.

Mattmac debuted his entry to the music scene in 2016 when N’we Jinan, a traveling music studio program, visited his community and invited him to collaborate on a project. Pulling inspiration from his personal story, they created a song and video titled “Help You See” that has received over 250,000 views on YouTube and Facebook. From there, Mattmac has connected with International artist Nelly Furtado and performed alongside her at Indigenous day Live and We Day Canada Day in 2017; they continue to work together.

In 2020, his debut music project, “20/20” catapulted Mattmac’s music and story into the national limelight, landing him on CTV National News and all major media outlets. His debut single, “Paradise”, reached #1 on the Indigenous Music Countdown and top 50 on the mediabase charts. In 2021, he won the Broadcast Dialogue Emerging Artist Radio Award and took home the Rap/Electronic Album Of The Year at the Summer Solstice Indigenous Music Awards.

Mattmac hopes to continue to use his platform to inspire others to know that they can accomplish anything they set their mind to.

Discography

“Blurred Visions” (2022) - sophomore full length album

“Run It” (2021) - single featuring Caid Jones

“Status” (2021) - single

20/20 (2020) - debut album

“Play The Hero” (2020) single featuring Drezus

“Still There” (2020) - single

“Paradise” (2020) single

“Blind & Famous Volume 3” (2019) 18 track mixtape

“Justin Wack - Hollywood Dream” (2019) - single

“Help You See” (2017) single

Media

[CBC Indigenous](#)

[CTV National News](#)

[Breakfast Television Toronto](#)

[CBC: Unreserved](#)

[Global News Winnipeg](#)

[Winnipeg Sun](#)

[Windspeaker](#)

[Nation News Magazine](#)

[Exclaim!](#)

Grants

Canada Council: Creating, Knowing & Sharing, 2022

SOCAN Foundation: Travel Assistance Program, 2022

Manitoba Film & Music:

Manitoba Arts Council: Indigenous Create 360 Professional Artist 2021

Manitoba Film & Music: Record Product Marketing Support Program 2021

Manitoba Film & Music: Viral Music Video 2021

FACTOR: Artist Development

FACTOR: Non-Factor Funded Marketing

Taking it Global: ConnectedNorth Leadership Fund

Manitoba Film & Music: Record Product Marketing Support Program 2020

Manitoba Arts Council: Travel PD, Indigenous Create 360 Emerging Artist 2020

Manitoba Music - Songwriter Challenge 2020

Awards & Nominations

RECIPIENT Canada's Walk Of Fame - RBC Emerging Musician Award 2022

RECIPIENT Rap/Electronica Album Of The Year - Summer Solstice Indigenous Music Awards 2021

RECIPIENT 2021 Emerging Artist Award - Broadcast Dialogue Canadian Radio Awards

NOMINATION Indigenous Artist of the Year - BreakOut West Awards 2021

TOP 100 - CBC Searlight 2022 - "Paradise"

Radio

[CFNR Radio - 2022](#)

[Ace Burpee Show - 2021](#)

[NCI Indigenous Music Countdown - #1](#)

[Virgin Radio Winnipeg](#)

[ELMNT FM](#)

[MBC Radio](#)

[CiTR 101.9FM](#)

Festivals

Canadian Music Week 2023

Festival De Voyageurs, Winnipeg, 2023

Culture Days, The Forks Winnipeg, 2022

Surrey Fusion Festival, 2022

Bella Coola Music Festival, 2022

2 Rivers Remix Moveable Feast, Cache Creek, 2022

2 Rivers Remix Moveable Feast, Kamloops, 2022

NXNE, 2022

Canadian Music Week, 2022

TD Music Connected Series, 2022

Breakout West Festival, 2022

Killarney Arts & Music Festival, 2022

Sakihiwe Festival, OCN, 2022

CIRCLES Music Festival, 2021

Red River College, Directions, 2021

Indigenous Day Live 2021

Aurora House - Safe At Home 2021

Breakout West Awards - Western Canadian Music Awards 2021

Manito Ahbee Festival 2021

Vision Quest Conference 2021

Festival Du Voyageur 2021
Safe At Home - Sakihwe Festival 2021
FNHSSM Festival 2021
Louis Riel School Division Music Fest 2021
NCCIH Virtual Series 2020
We Day Manitoba 2019
We Day Ottawa Canada Day 2017
Indigenous Day Live 2017

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