

Chit Chatting with Singer Kathryn Dean

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Recently I had the honor of interviewing singer Kathryn Dean. Continue to read on and learn more about her, five things people may not know about her and what is the strangest question she has ever been asked.

R: Tell us a little bit about yourself and how you got in the music industry?

K: As I am sure is the case with other singers, I have been singing since I could make sounds.

What began as a sure-fire way to annoy my older brother, Andrew, quickly became a life-long passion of mine. Music has always been my way of escaping from the world, but when I started to write songs 2 ½ years ago, I was able to not only escape my reality but to create an entirely new one. Then, in November of last year I began to build what I call the "Kathryn Dean Dream Team" (or KDDT) and my dream of being a recording artist/songwriter/performer started to become increasingly plausible.

R: Tell us about your self-titled album?

K: This EP is my first release. Each of the five songs represents a different part of who I am as an artist and as an individual: sentimental, sarcastic, romantic, mischievous, and perhaps a little bit crazy!

R: What is your favorite song off the album and why?

K: I would say that asking me this question is like asking a parent which child is their favorite, however I'm almost convinced that I am my parent's favorite- sorry Andrew!

R: Tell us about the song "You Wish She Was Me ."

K: A little over a year ago, I found out that this guy that I liked who had been flirting with me for a while all of a sudden got a new girlfriend. That night I went home and asked myself, "Is she prettier than me? Is she smarter than me? Is she funnier than me?-Ha, that couldn't be, I'm hilarious!" And the song was born.

R: I read that you also write your music. Is this true? If so, what is your favorite one that you have written so far and why? Also, what is the writing process? Do you start with the lyrics?

K: I am either the sole or co-writer for all of my songs. The hook of my songs usually writes itself for me and then I go to one of my instruments to complete the rest of the song. Typically, if I am trying to figure out the chord progression, I go to the piano. For the tempo, I go to the guitar and if the lyrics aren't coming easily I go to the ukulele. The exception to this rule is the first song on the EP "I'll Show You Crazy," which I wrote when I was on family vacation. I had brought my ukulele with me, but as you would imagine, the song didn't carry over well to the ukulele, so I grabbed a sharpie and kept time by hitting it against the tile wall of the shower and recorded myself singing the song a cappella on my phone. I then sent that recording over to one of my amazing producers, Matt Pavolaitis, who created the arrangement and instrumental track.

R: Do you have any up and coming tours?

K: Upon completion and release of my full-length album early next year, my band and I will begin to tour, however we have a few shows coming up in the next two months in LA. We will be playing at the House of Blues Voodoo Lounge on October 30th, opening for Chris Pierce at Genghis Cohen on November 15th, and performing at The Mint on November 23rd. The best place to find all things Kathryn Dean, including upcoming shows is on my website: kathryndeanofficial.com.

R: Where can people get your music?

K: My music can be found on iTunes, Amazon, and all other online music sales outlets.

R: If you could tour with any five people or / and Bands, who would they be?

K: I would love to tour with Adele, Sam Smith, Mumford & Sons, OneRepublic, and Bruno Mars because they all write their own songs and their love of and passion for music is evident in every performance (whether recorded in a studio or live on stage).

R: Do you have any charities that are close to your heart? If so, tell us a little bit about them.

K: There are many charities that are close to my heart including, but not limited to: One Voice (dedicated to bringing music to underdeveloped countries), Girl Up (giving girls around the world the opportunity to become educated, healthy, safe, counted and positioned to be the next generation of leaders) and Pets for Vets (training and rehabilitating needy shelter animals and pairing them, based on their personalities, with American military veterans, in order to help heal the emotional wounds that may remain even after returning home from a war).

R: What are your future goals?

K: I am fortunate to be able to wake up everyday and do what I love to do. I hope that as time passes, my music will reach more and more people and that I will continue to make music and perform for a very long time!

R: Being a teenager is not easy. What advice would you give them in general?

K: Parents may not like this answer, but I'd have to say that sometimes you need to cause a little bit of trouble! One of my favorite quotes says it all; "you can't expect to be old and wise if you were never young and stupid."

R: Other than this one, what is the strangest question you have ever been asked?

K: I have a very unique sense of normalcy, so even if a question would be considered strange to most people, I probably would not think so. The strangest question I have ever asked someone however, is, "if you were a fruit based on your personality, what fruit would you be?" (I would be a mango because there is a lot going on on the outside, but I am sweet on the inside).

R: What are five things people may not know about you?

K: I was legally blind in my left eye until I was 6 (to improve my depth perception, I had to play *Where's Waldo?* with a magnifying glass...).

I have been trained, by the Red Cross, in CPR and first aid.

There are few things in this world that make me happier than corny jokes, pickup lines, and One-Hit Wonders.

The GPS in my car is an Australian male named James, and I will refer to him as I would any other real person.

After years of fostering orphaned puppies and volunteering at my local animal shelter back when I was in San Diego, I am basically a dog whisperer...

R: Are you on any social networking sites? If so, which ones and what are their

addresses? What about an official website and/or youtube page?

K: Website: kathryndeanofficial.com

Twitter: @RealKathrynDean

The Facebook: fb.com/KathrynDeanOfficial

Instagram: KathrynDeanOfficial

Youtube: KathrynDeanOfficial

R: Is there anything else you would like to add or say to your fans?

K: Just that I hope that my music will be as therapeutic for you to listen to as it is for me to write!

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