



**TOBY
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"...beautiful dark-soul..."
- WORDPLAY

"Another lovely atmospheric groove."
- TOM ROBINSON, BBC6 Music

"...delicious jazz-pop." - NOTION

To quote BBC6 Music's Tom Robinson, Toby Corton is a 'charismatic queer cockney creative' currently based in East London. His music has been described by Earmilk as "British soul, held together by a modern indie overtone" and it's looking as though it could be an exciting year for his music.

Making music since 2017, his creative talents have led him to photograph the likes of RuPaul's Drag Race UK Queens Bimini and Black Peppa, as well as London Trans Pride Founder Lucia Blayke and one of London's hottest new soulstressess Sophie Faith. With music as the linchpin of Toby's creativity, a storyteller at core, his creative expression spills out into mediums beyond music, with him not only producing work for his own projects but also directing and producing creative for other artists.

A refreshing mix of retro and modern influences, Toby paraphrases how people have described his sound when he says it's "British Indie Soul" he goes on to say, "it's built on a foundation of frank storytelling. Musically, I'd say I draw inspiration from the artists that are/were storytellers, the ones that create worlds with their music. When you listen they take you to a place, a time or a feeling. Whether it be, Bowie, Badu, Grace Jones or Amy Winehouse - they mostly tend to be formidable women, which (shock-horror) I as a queer person have an affinity with."

Toby's supporters include the likes of Dazed, Wonderland, NOTION, The Great Escape Festival, Clash Magazine, Earmilk and GX Magazine, as well as BBC 6Music, BBC Introducing London and Essex. Toby has already racked up over 500,000 views for his COLORS show (with total artist streams across all platforms now at over 1.5million) and he has also performed on the mainstages of both London and Birmingham Pride. The talented singer-songwriter is now working with a full live band, playing to sold-out audiences for headline shows at Servant Jazz Quarters, The Windmill (Brixton) and The Roundhouse, as part of the music group, State Is Flow.

Toby Corton has also been singled out as a 'queer community leader' by Brick Lane Jazz Festival (Timeout's 'Festival Of The Year 2023') off the back of co-founding Sounds Queer. His work with the live music platform champions diverse voices and sounds from the LGBTQIA+ community, whilst providing a safe space for audiences within it, and has led him to host the New Music Stage at Mighty Hoopla this year. 2023 will see Toby Corton continue to come into his own with more exciting new music, watch this queer space...

Upcoming music...

Having completed a run of self-releases since last September, which has seen a building momentum, Toby is now in the throws of an EP campaign, with singles in January and March, culminating in the full release of his 'Don't Blame Me' EP on Think Twice Records, via Fuga, on the 28th April. With this he continues to elevate his sound working with Raindance Festival 'Best Sound Design' winner, John Hendicott (Jamie Woon) and Grammy nominated Clinton McCreery (Enny, Jorja Smith) on mixing and mastering.

For the project, Toby assembled an incredible team of musicians and creatives, which include the likes of Grammy winner David Mrakpor (Blue Lab, Angelique Kidjo), Maverick Quest (Sons of The Sun - BBE/Orchard, MonoNeon, Sola Rosa) and Sophie Faith (Stormzy, Linden Jay, Reuben James). The project was recorded at Chris Webb's (Kate Nash, Elton John) Friary Studios, with engineer Ivor Sotirov (Sam Fender, Wretch 32, Pete Tong, McKnasty) on the analogue desk previously used in Olympic Studio 1 by countless legendary artists including Prince and The Rolling Stones, and the result of this is that Toby's idiosyncratic style and songwriting shine through with the stellar supporting cast.

Having recently received funding from 'Help for Musicians' he has now recorded the follow up record, a concept EP of 'Songs for a Younger Me', which is now in post production. Alongside this he is working on a supporting visual EP, that explores the themes within the record as well as a photobook documenting other queer musicians.

release dates

28th April - 'Don't Blame Me' EP

Listen to a preview [here](#).

What's Next?

Upcoming Live Shows...

1st April - Sounds Queer, Rich Mix, Shoreditch (Host) 5th

April - State Is Flow Jam - 91 Living Room

28th April - 'Don't Blame Me' EP Launch, 91 Living Room

3rd June - Mighty Hoopla, Brockwell Park

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As of April 2023...

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Every track released by Toby thus far has received BBC Radio plays and support.

1.5million+ streams
ACROSS ALL STREAMING PLATFORMS

Get to know Toby more, and read his extended Interview with Brick Lane Jazz Festival...

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