



TOBY CORTON

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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 pop overtone" and 2022 is looking as though it could be an exciting year for his music.

Toby has been making music since 2017 and his love of the creative process has led him to taking photos of the likes of already legendary **Drag Queen Bimini** and **London Trans Pride Founder Lucia Blayke**. Toby has also directed videos for other musical artists, "For me it's about creating 360 worlds that combine the sonic with the visual," explains Toby. "I've worked to get an understanding of the creative process as a 360 thing, and how all the elements interact. From modelling, to directing, to photography and fashion design, for me, music is the place where all of those things collide and come together."

A refreshing mix of retro and modern influences, Toby describes his sound as "a modern British take on neo-soul built on a foundation of frank queer 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, Roisin Murphy, Grace Jones** or **Amy Winehouse** - they mostly tend to be formidable women, which (shock-horror) I as a queer man have an affinity with."

Toby's previous supporters include the likes of **Dazed, NOTION, Clash Magazine, Earmilk** and **GX Magazine**, as well as **BBC 6Music's Tom Robinson, 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 previously performed at Pride in London after winning the Emerging Artist competition in 2017. The talented singer-songwriter has developed from acoustic performances to 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**, for Roundhouse Rising Present as part the music group, **StatelsFlow**.

Toby Corton is also a founding member of **Sounds Queer**; an innovative live music showcase spanning genre, expression and identity. The events champion diverse voices and sounds from the **LGBTQIA+** community, whilst providing a safe space for audiences within it. Their first sold out event took place at **Paper Dress Vintage** and the team have also partnered with **Sofar Sounds London** to bring intimate offerings of divinely Queer music in a relaxed and up-close setting. 2022 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 putting the finishing touches to his next batch of music. This has seen a continued elevation of his sound with the upcoming project now in pre-mix stage, ready to be mixed and mastered, by *Raindance Festival 'Best Sound Design'* winner John Hendicott (Jamie Woon) and Grammy nominated Clinton McCreery (Enny, Jorja Smith) respectively.

For the upcoming project, Toby has 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 Jammaz Jamz (Asian Dub Foundation). The project was recorded at Chris Webb's (Kate Nash, Elton John) Friary Studios, in Milton Keynes 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.

Listen to a preview [here](#).

What's Next?

Upcoming Live Shows...

14th May - The Great Escape, Brighton

21st May - The Slaughtered Lamb, London

29th May - Sofar Sounds. Bristol

1st July: El Dorado Festival

20th August: Live at Lydiard, Swindon

17th September: Sounds Queer, RichMix, London

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As of April 2022...

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Every track released has received BBC
Radio plays and support.

1.5million+ streams
ACROSS ALL STREAMING PLATFORMS

Socials:

- IG: 4.5K
- Twitter: 1.5K
- Facebook: 900
- Soundcloud: 1.5K (5K weekly plays)
- Spotify: 1K monthly listeners

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