

GET READY TO VIBE WITH THESE 6 Artists

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Not all amazing songs get to be on the billboard or charts. Spend a little too much time on YouTube or SoundCloud and you'll come across the underdog artists not exactly working hard for fame but still pursuing music simply because of a true passion. It's an amazing era for music and you should move on from the expected releases to these six artists who are ready to vibe with you.

Raury

Admittedly influenced by artists like Queen, Marvin Gaye and Kid Cudi, Raury's music contains a variety of sound from folk to hip hop to soul. The songs "God's Whisper" and "Forbidden Knowledge" give an idea of this young boy's thoughts and views. He is fearlessly adding a little bit of activism in the world of music.

Kiiara

Rising to fame at the moment, Kiiara got the internet swaying to her tunes just a few months back when her debut single "Gold" was dropped. Her unique soothing voice and laidback rhythms add to her pop/indie pop music genre and you're bound to fall in love as soon as you hear them. The album "Low Kii Savage" will make sure you're snapping to her beats without even knowing it!

Odesza

Odesza are an electronic duo consisting of Catacombkid and BeachesBeaches who mainly focus on the genre chillwave along with electropop. If you're waiting to lose yourself in a peaceful trance once you go home from a tiring day, you should trust Odesza to do that for you. Listen to "Kusanagi," one of their songs from the beautiful album "In Return" to believe in

the power of a good melody. Also, their remixes uplift great songs like "Divinity" by Porter Robinson to the next level, so yes, they know what they're doing!

Hoodie Allen

A Soundcloud star to begin with, this American rapper pretty much shares all our emotions in every single one of his songs, making them #relatable. The songs "No Faith in Brooklyn" and "Hey Now" from his old days will get your inner hiphophead out, rapping like you were born to be a rapper. Check out songs from his new album "Happy Camper," especially the video for "Are U Having Any Fun" to see how much you can actually relate to his songs.

Marian Hill

Once you listen to the electronic beats on "Got It" you will be hooked for sure, but that's not it. They drop the saxophone bomb all of a sudden and it simply blows you away. This electro-jazz duo has taken festivals by a storm with their ethereal vocals and their fan base is increasing worldwide. Chances are you'll fall for them too!

Tom Rosenthal

"Short, expertly crafted pop songs" – that is how his songs have been described. Those moments that perfectly end a movie and you're feeling overwhelmed, suddenly finding yourself in tears, that's the vibe of Tom Rosenthal's music. His songs reflect his eerily exceptional personality. "Go Solo," "There is a Dark Place" and "A Thousand Years" are just a few of his songs that will immediately evoke feelings and perhaps make you finally face those feelings you've been pushing away.

So go ahead and get your vibe on with their incredible tunes ASAP!



MANGA REVIEW

MONSTER

RAYAAN IBTESHAM CHOWDHURY

Monster is a manga series written and illustrated by Naoki Urasawa. Entirely and utterly isolated from the mainstream manga world, this is a powerful narrative of the corruptions of the human mind and the criminal underbelly of 90's Europe, right after the fall of the USSR.

Dr. Kenzo Tenma is a renowned Japanese neurosurgeon working in West Germany. His life is picture perfect as he is rising through the German medical scene, is engaged to the daughter of Eisler Memorial Hospital's wealthy director and is gaining a name for his research. One night, as a young boy who has been shot in the head is rushed to hospital, Dr. Tenma opts to operate on him rather than the influential minister who had been rushed to the hospital at the same time. This decision does not go down well the hospital upper staff and Dr. Tenma is removed from his position as Head Surgeon. As Dr. Tenma's life starts to go on a downward spiral, he is shocked to find that every person who had been going against him suddenly dies. After nearly a decade, Dr. Tenma realizes who the killer was; the boy who he had saved. The reason for him doing so? Dr. Tenma had once complained to the boy how these people had ruined his life. This boy, Johan Liebert, now leads Dr. Tenma on a country wide goose chase as the police believe Dr. Tenma was behind the killings.

There are many mysteries behind boy. He escaped from a special orphanage in the former East Germany named Kinderheim 511 and was specifically trained by a mysterious Czech author named Franz Bonaparta. As Dr. Tenma

starts to uncover little tidbits regarding the boy, he comes face to a face with a continent wide conspiracy lead by German ultranationalists who are plotting to revive the fallen Nazi regime.

The story goes around different parts of Germany and is a vivid portrayal of the broken state of German society right after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Johan is a deceptive, confused and extremely unpredictable individual. His charisma helps him make important friends, some of them very influential people in the Easter European Underworld, which makes Dr. Tenma's job much more complicated. It is a gripping story about morality and hope in a world filled with little compassion.

Keep in mind before you read this, Monster hardly has any uplifting moments. Naoki Urasawa once said in an interview that he doesn't believe that humans have inherent goodness as some argue. And that belief is more than apparent in Monster. Almost every member of the large and colourful crew of characters has some dirty laundry to hide. The toxic environment created by the fall of communism across Eastern Europe only adds fuel to the fire.

There has been a 74 episode anime adaption and while that is more than decent, I would suggest the manga. Urasawa's grim art style works well with the plot and creates a more vivid experience than what the anime seemed to offer.

I would recommend this to anyone without a doubt. Just keep in mind; this is not your mainstream manga. There is no fan service. If Urasawa could, he would probably try and makes fan upset more than he would try to make them happy.

