

DECEMBER EDITION

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FOREWORD

Wishing everyone happy holidays and a very Happy New Year from all of us here at Music Vox!

In the last edition of 2021, we look back on the absolutely insane year we've had, with our members working tirelessly to adapt to the fluctuating COVID-19 restrictions. We'd like to thank those who have supported us in any way throughout the year, and we hope everyone stays healthy and happy in the upcoming year!



Music Vox

8K Streams

404

494.9 Hours

Spotify: for Artists

749 Listeners

29

Countries

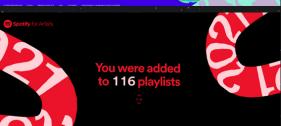
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Your music crossed new borders this year. You got your first streams in 10 new countries.

These places loved you the most: Russia, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Qatar, and The United Arab Emirates





spotify wrapped

In April, we released our first-ever extended play (EP) 'Beginnings', comprising 4 original songs written and recorded by our members on all major streaming platforms. We've had a very heartwarming response over the past 8 months of it being out in the world, and we're really excited to share the numbers with you!

| TITLE | <u>STREAMS</u> |
|------------------|----------------|
| AGAIN | 1,911 |
| BACK HOME TO YOU | 4,370 |
| DEAR MONDAY | 1,108 |
| I'M READY NOW | 1,069 |

A huge THANK YOU for all the support we've received upon this release, as well as to all those involved in the making.

Here's a shoutout to all those who've been a part of this:

Danish, Clarissa, Jovan, Caresse

Back Home To You

Aniq, Ameerah, Arif, Dhruv, Chantel, Gabby, Zhi Kai, Singyu, Rae, lan, Clarissa

Dear Monday

French Fry Sk8ters (Carlin, Anna Tricia, Osman, Chantel, Jao, Caresse, Anna Rica, Kayla, Tze Yi), Nigel

<u>I'm Ready Now</u>

Denise, Danish, Gabrielle, Jonathan, Phoebe, Eidriane, Zhi Kai, Natalie, Singyu, Tze Yi, Roma, Clarissa

mv online content

MV UNWIND X MVIP

In December, we wrapped up the last episode of the showcase for Round 2 of the Music Vox Induction Programme, REVIIVE!



On December 1st, Band 7 wrapped up the series with their rendition of 'We Don't Talk Anymore' by Charlie Puth and Selena Gomez, featuring freshie vocalists Yaoyao and Quan, junior vocalist Roma, freshie guitarist Fion, freshie keyboardist Megan, freshie songwriter Iyana and freshie producer Aiman. They've shown that music is not limited by language – they showcased their cover in both English and Chinese, while putting a spin on the arrangement as well. Their self-produced music video also shows their creativity and gives a meaningful message to empower those who may be feeling down!

Congratulations to all MVIP Round 2 bands for a successful completion of the REVIIVE showcase!



VOXIFY: MV PODCAST

On December 3rd, episode 3 of 'VOXIFY' was released to the world, in which Dhruv and Danish explored the meaning of songwriting and the impact of it. This episode guest stars alumnus Russell, keyboardist and songwriter for band Noonbeat. Ever wondered how people turn their inspiration into songs or compose moving melodies? The three talk about what songwriting means to them, and explore different ways people even start to garner inspiration for their music. Perhaps this will offer some insight on how one goes about writing songs, and maybe dispel doubts or reservations about writing your own music!

highlights of 2021

MV'S INAUGURAL VIRTUAL CONCERT - 9 APRIL 2021

Along with our first EP release, we held our inaugural virtual concert as part of the Temasek Arts Festival on April 8th, in which we showcased music videos produced by and featuring our members' originals and covers. Since then, we've released all music videos on <u>YouTube</u> and IGTV, which you can also find through links below!

CONCERT LINEUP



'Don't Make Me': <u>IGTV</u>, YouTube

Aelice: <u>Instagram</u>, <u>YouTube</u>

Aelice - 'Don't Make Me'

Comprising juniors Arif, Roma, Jonathan, Phoebe, Eidriane and Justin, this band made their official debut with 'Don't Make Me' written by senior Clarissa, a lighthearted tune reflecting on the journey of love and handling rejections through the journey. The selfedited music video is vibrant and quirky, with comedic portrayals of the main characters' confessions and rejections following them – and watch out for the surprise ending! Do check out all of Aelice's content on social media, including the TikTok dance they made for this song, and perhaps even hop on the trend!



'Dynamite': <u>IGTV, YouTube</u> 'Gurenge': <u>IGTV, YouTube</u>

Aniq Rusyaidi: <u>Instagram,</u> <u>YouTube,</u> <u>Spotify</u> Aniq Rusyaidi - 'Dynamite' & 'Gurenge'
Superstar alumnus Aniq Rusyaidi performed two
covers showing his versatility and multitude of skills as
an artist and performer. With the ever-talented
dancers of Temasek Polytechnic's Dance Ensemble
(TPDE), Aniq's rendition of 'Dynamite' by BTS shows off
his melodious vocals and energetic moves systained
through the performance taking the viewer around the
TP campus, ending with an epic finish in the in-house
Blackbox Theatre. We'd like to thank TPDE and Digital
Media Production Crew (DMPC) for collaborating on
this electrifying performance!

For his second item, Aniq self-recorded, produced, filmed and edited his take on LiSa's 'Gurenge'. His many talents are evident as he stuns with a powerful cover in Japanese, giving us a sneak peek into Ania's wide array of originals and covers!



'Cravity': <u>ICTV</u>, <u>YouTube</u> 'Killing Me Softly': <u>ICTV</u>, <u>YouTube</u>

Dhruv & Kayla - 'Gravity' & 'Killing Me Softly'
Senior guitarist Dhruv and former junior vocalist Kayla
joined forces to perform two songs, 'Gravity' by John
Mayer and 'Killing Me Softly' by Fugees. Kayla's soulful
vocals and Dhruv's tasteful guitar playing on both the
acoustic and electric guitar meld into a beautiful
blend of harmony. Both covers are a must listen,
paying homage to the two's respective musical
inspirations and coming together to make both songs
their own with strong individual colour, even with the
two original songs being rather different.



'BG/GIU/BR': <u>IGTV</u>, <u>YouTube</u>

French Fry Sk8ters: Instagram

French Fry Sk8ters - 'Bad Guy/Give It Up/Bad Romance' Then-freshie band French Fry Sk8ters came together through the AY2020/2021 Freshie Showcase, and they continued on to perform a mashup of 'Bad Guy' by Billie Eilish, 'Give It Up' by the cast of Victorious and 'Bad Romance' by Lady Gaga in the concert. Comprising juniors Carlin, Anna Tricia, Osman, Chantel, Jao, Caresse, former juniors Kayla, Tze Yi and senior Anna Rica, they combine these three songs to showcase an edgy mix with powerful vocals and instrumentation. Their original track 'Dear Monday' was also featured on our EP after winning the Freshie Showcase, and you can check it out on all major streaming platforms!



'I Choose': <u>IGTV</u>, <u>YouTube</u>

Madness Mondays: Spotify

Madness Mondays - 'I Choose'
Alumni band Madness Mondays stunned with a powerful cover of Alessia Cara's 'I Choose', comprising Natalie, Xu Yun, Pek and Kelvin. Packed with hard-hitting and show-stopping harmonies, runs and riffs, this rockinspired cover showcases the raw talent of all four members in an equally magical and riveting video. The four have shown to be unstoppable forces with their musical prowess, and we continue to stay inspired by all the alumni that have left us starstruck and guided us tirelessly. You can find Madness Mondays' other releases on the band's Spotify, and catch up with them on their respective social media accounts!



'Back Home To You': <u>ICTV,</u> <u>YouTube,</u> <u>Spotify</u>

So You Think You Can Write - 'Back Home To You' In 2020, we gathered public responses for our songwriters to combine into a song that reflected people's thoughts on the growing pandemic at the time. From there, our brilliant songwriters alumnus Rae, seniors Ian and Singyu collaborated, and 'Back Home To You' was released in the EP, and its music video subsequently followed in the concert. It was extremely meaningful to involve the public and help others express their thoughts through musical interpretation, especially in a time of unpredictability and unanswered questions. The band comprises vocalists Arif, Ameerah and Aniq, guitarist Dhruv, keyboardist Chantel, drummer Zhi Kai and violinist Gabrielle, all of whom pour their emotions to deliver an emotive and moving performance - both sonically and visually.



'Drops Of Jupiter': <u>IGTV</u>, <u>YouTube</u>

Spectrum - 'Drops Of Jupiter'
Performing the mega-hit 'Drops Of Jupiter' by Train is
Spectrum, comprising alumni Felyn, Syazani, Brendon,
Darren, Renee and senior Annaqi. This groovy track
showcases the star quality of those among MV's most
seasoned performers, and this one-take performance
video will keep you jamming along with the stage
presence of all the performers. Do check all of them out
on their social media accounts to keep up with our very
talented alumni!



'99': IGTV, YouTube

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Venus Landing: <u>Instagram,</u> <u>YouTube,</u> <u>Spotify</u> Venus Landing, comprising seniors Danish, Clarissa, Jovan, Annaqi and Zhi Kai burst onto the music scene after releasing '99' with local musician DSML as part of .WAV, a mentorship programme connecting budding musicians to experienced musicians organised by Scape in partnership with Mediacorp. From there, the band released '99', a retro funk song using speed to symbolise entering a relationship too quickly and eventually regretting it. The music video also stays true to the retro theme of the song, featuring popular '90s

to the retro theme of the song, featuring popular '90s hangouts, including arcades and skating rinks. Since then, Venus Landing has had a successful launch into the music industry - do check them out on their Spotify, YouTube and Instagram!



'Holding Back': IGTV, YouTube

We're Being Watched: <u>Instagram</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, Spotify We're Being Watched - 'Holding Back'
Alumni band We're Being Watched performed an acoustic version of their original, 'Holding Back' - which is now out on their debut EP 'These Days' as 'Holding Back (Reimagined)'! Three of the band's members - Khalish, Syaz and Zenneth - amaze us with smooth harmonies, cohesive and light guitars reminiscent of early 2000s acoustic rock. Whilst we had the privilege of a sneak peek into their album, their EP is now out, so do check out all their music on Spotify and support them on Instagram!

MV'S NATIONAL DAY PROGRAMME - 5 AUGUST 2021

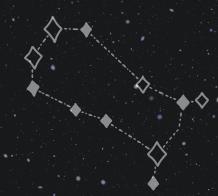




Spread The Light': An Original National Day Song

After the success of community involvement in 'Back Home To You', we decided to reach out once again - this time for our very first original National Day song! This time, junior songwriters Carlin, Masha, Anna Tricia and Tze Yi collaborated to compose 'Spread The Light', with help from seniors Clarissa and Singyu, as well as alumni Pek and Fae. This time, we also reached out to community organisations and music companies to help us gather responses, and we would like to express our deepest gratitude to hear65 and Bandwagon for their help in promoting this initiative, as well as all our respondents who filled in a Google Form to share their stories. In producing the song, we had genuinely amazing help from SoundWise Music Productions, who we are endlessly thankful to. The song features the voices of freshies Mahirah and Alicia, as well as juniors Masha and Mavis. The band comprises guitarists Bryce and Fion, keyboardists Chantel and Jao, bassist Ian and drummer Seth, with recording engineers being freshies Aiman and Denny. To combat the COVID-19 restrictions and play our part to protect the country, the video was fully animated to feature the band exploring sights around Singapore and putting on their own live concert - which we continue to hope for once the pandemic subsides. Thank you to all those who have supported the making of the song and video, and we remain endlessly proud of all those involved. You can find the music video on YouTube and IGTV for now, but do keep an eye out for our future releases that we can promise will include this song!





NDC Roulette Band - 'Reach Out For The Skies/In A Heartbeat/ Tomorrow's Here Today/Home'

Apart from the original song released, we got the public to pick three lesser-known NDP songs for our NDP Songs Roulette Band comprising all three current batches of MV members - freshies Jaime, Khai and Jungyup, juniors Ayska and Eidriane and senior Dhruv. With the much-loved bonus track 'Home', the band gave a new energy to the reimagined. NDP songs with an acoustic touch. They truly embody what we stand for in MV, working harmoniously batch-to-batch to create music for everyone to enjoy, and we remain so endlessly proud of all involved. Once again, thank you to all those who voted for your favourite songs, and we hope you enjoyed this special medley on both YouTube and IGTV!

NEW PROGRAMMES - 2021

Music Vox Induction Programme

To formally welcome our freshies to the MV family, we have been conducting a three-part induction programme, each part spanning about 2 months. The freshies are currently in their third and final round, R3VIVAL, with their chosen bands. The tracks and videos from the previous rounds can be found through the following platforms:

REVIVE (MVIP Round 1): YouTube & Soundcloud (also part of MV Soundscape Sundays) REVIIVE (MVIP Round 2): YouTube & IGTV (also part of MV Unwind)

Please continue to support our freshies in their MV journey, and we look forward to providing more updates soon!





MV Unwind & Soundscape Sundays

To engage our members more throughout the year, we launched MV Unwind & Soundscape Sundays to showcase our members' talents across YouTube, IGTV and Soundcloud. Here are all the acts to date, with the links you can find their performances on!



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VOXIFY: MV Podcast

This year, we also launched our podcast 'VOXIFY', hosted by seniors Dhruv and Danish. The podcast seeks to engage our audience on a more conversational level, with our hosts and special guests sharing their views and experiences on all things music-related. Following our reboot in October, our hosts have more plans to bring you monthly content to explore more of the music world! For now, you can find us through YouTube and Spotify through the links below:





YouTube | Spotify | Bonus

YouTube | Spotify | Bonus YouTube | Spotify

MV Unfiltered

To honour the hard work that goes into the preparation of all our performances, we started MV Unfiltered to provide a behind the scenes insight to our members' efforts, as well as the process that goes on when we embark on a new project. Do look out for more future episodes for our future projects!



Ep 0 - MV Unfiltered: The Making Of 'Again' (MV Open House Special)

WE HOPE YOU'RE EXCITED...

Though we've come to the end of 2021, we're only slightly more than halfway through the current academic year meaning there's still lots more to come your way! Keep an eye out for more exciting news on our social media platforms, as well as our monthly updates through the newsletter.

Till next month, we wish everyone lots of happiness and good health in 2022!

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