

MONTERO

Montero is Australian musician and artist Ben Montero.

New album *Performer* was recorded at Mark Ronson's Tileyard studios in London. It is co-produced by Ben, Tame Impala/Pond/Gum's Jay Watson, and Grammy Award winning engineer Riccardo Damian. All instruments were played by Ben, Jay and Riccardo, save some violin by Millie, a waitress from the studio cafe, and electric piano from Ben's uncle Jason.

Performer glories in the widescreen soft rock tradition, updating the romantic classicism of golden era love songs with a psychedelic pop brush. Montero's music evokes the extended soundscapes and textures of 70s prog, the easy listening adult weirdness of Jimmy Webb and Burt Bacharach, and the sports arena pounding of vintage MOR rock - sometimes all in the space of one song. With an emphasis on clear vocals, soaring melodies, lush instrumentation and dreamy glam pomp, *Performer* ventures into gently surreal realms of romance, yearning, and wonder.

As a visual artist, Ben's much-loved comic-based style highlights the universality of small human moments via a cast of furry (or sometimes slimy) friends. His art has graced album covers, t-shirts and posters for Mac Demarco, Ariel Pink, Kurt Vile, Pond and others. Ben has lost count of the number of fans who have had his drawings tattooed on their body. His Facebook page Ben Montero Sketchbook has more than 70,000 fans.

Ben currently lives in Athens, Greece and his live band are made up of members of Greek psych heads Acid Baby Jesus, plus other Athens friends. The Montero band tour UK/Europe in November 2017 supporting Mac Demarco.



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1. Montero Airlines
2. Aloha
3. Caught Up In My Own World
4. Running Race
5. Performer
6. Quantify
7. Vibrations
8. Tokin' The Night Away
9. Destiny
10. Pilot

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