

## CAL ROBERTS BIOG - 2015

The story of Cal Roberts reads like a movie script. He's young; he starts with nothing, raised in a town called nowhere, who decides to dedicate his life to music. A dream about reaching out to people, dealing with what life throws at you, finding yourself and finding something good in the life you've been given. You have few choices in Bagillt, you either join the arm or go to jail, or you do what Cal did and change your life with music and make it speak for you.

His musical influences are many, such as Johnny Cash, Arctic Monkeys, and a smattering of punk, but there's no one particular genre that he feels a particular affinity for. He writes his own music and it's an easy mix of honest lyrics and gritty guitar. There's a technical skill to playing an instrument and Cal plays the drums, bass and piano, giving his music more range. His raw talent is there for all to hear in the blend between acoustics and his unforgettable voice.

For him there's the music and that stand out voice that's clever enough without anything added. Although living outside of the musical arenas of most major cities, Cal doesn't see this as a disadvantage, with city life sometimes proving to be an unwelcome distraction. He can avoid the pressure to be part of whatever trends are currently in vogue and be true to himself. Rather than pander to the call of the city, he remains where he is, seeing the role of outsider as a distinct advantage, using the influences around him and his turbulent family history to fuel his music.

He has a firm Welsh identity, but at the same time feels more like a global citizen with the internet having brought the world much closer than it once was. He may be far out there, but he's right in the game. So far, he's provided support for Babyshambles, The Courteeners and Ed Sheeran. His live performances have a certain energy and power and shouldn't be missed.

If you haven't heard of him yet you soon will, his music is the word-of-mouth kind that once you hear it you're unlikely to forget and for

Cal the best way to put it out there. Listen, because he's here to stay.