

To Whom it may concern,

RE: BAHAMAS EARTHTONES

Earthtones is the newest and ~~most~~ best album yet from Bahamas, aka me, Afie Survanen.

I wasn't feeling too inspired in 2016. I'd been in a seemingly unbroken cycle of recording + touring for 6 years. I know, you're saying "that's so cliché, all musicians complain about being tired..." But wait, there's more!

Not knowing exactly what type of album to make, I was feeling pretty lolo. But at that very moment, my long time manager and confidante Robbie Lackritz called and said, "dude, you should make an album with D'Angelo's ~~the~~ rhythm section." And just like that, the juices were flowing and the songs started coming.

I wrote songs about having success, having kids, and having depression. I wrote songs about going on a tour, going back in time and going in circles. ~~I~~ I wrote songs about my other worldly wife, my jerk dad, and my garbage relationship with my brother. Crazy right?!

In September of 2016 I flew to Los Angeles and spent three days in the studio with the bass boss Pino Palladino and the titan of time keeping, Mr. James Gadson. No rehearsals, no charts, no rules. We worked fast and came away with 10 songs that sounded fresh + strange, + warm + free of any genre. The results were so inspiring to me that I quickly pulled my road band (Felicity Williams, Christine Boyer, Darcy Yates, Jason Teit, Don Kerr) into a Prague studio to record a few more songs. And here's the best part... the whole thing is produced by my longtime producer and confidante Robbie Lackritz so you know the sound is correct, totally modern and completely familiar at the same time.

Whoa!

I know! You're saying to yourself "wait what? The same Robbie from earlier?!"

Yes! It's a story about friendship, some full circles, and how great it is to have someone in your life that can ~~put~~ lift you up when you're feeling down.

It's a very positive album about having a joie de vivre for the joys of life.

Okay, full disclosure... there's ~~so~~ a few slow jams too...

Hope you enjoy the music as much as I enjoyed making it.

Look forward to speaking with some of you soon (you know who you are.) haha!

Sincerely,

Afie Survanen

P.S. Robbie just told me to add a bunch of stats + industry stuff to try and impress all you big wigs. See below for huge facts on stuff you probably see all day.

- Multiple Juno ~~was~~ award nominations
- Juno wins for Songwriter of the year + Aft Adult Album 2015
- A streaming juggernaut who averages over 1.6 million monthly streaming listeners. "All the time" generated a staggering 32 million streams + counting and "Stronger than that" cracked 9 million.
- Don't even get me started on Lost in the Light...
- So far 8000 users on Tidal.
- Received an honorary high school diploma from Barric Centre Collegiate in 2016.
- ~~Was~~ Successfully landed a kickflip in front of Jack Johnson, earning the highly coveted "right on dude."
- Abe is currently planning on winning the polaris prize in 2018 and he would appreciate it if the Juno's could change their rules regarding landed immigrants and just give Robbie one already.
- Other cool stuff that Robbie can tell you about.