

BHI BHIMAN - BIO

“Solid, unimpeachable songwriting.” -*Afropunk*

“What a voice.” –*The New York Times*

Bhi Bhiman is an American recording artist residing in Los Angeles, California. Raised by Sri Lankan Tamil parents in St. Louis, Missouri in the 90's, Bhiman credits his upbringing as playing an important role in his songwriting. An accomplished guitarist and clever lyricist, it is Bhiman's unique voice that truly sets him apart. The Washington Post remarked, “what strikes you first about Bhi Bhiman's music is his voice — a keening, gender-neutral yawp that's as earthy as it is ethereal, as puckish as it is wise.”

His debut album, BHIMAN, was released to critical acclaim, culminating with a performance on the BBC's *Later...with Jools Holland*. There he met the late Soundgarden frontman (and early musical hero) Chris Cornell. Impressed with Bhiman's performance, Cornell asked him to join his sold-out North American tour. Critics and fans praised both his opening set and his feature on songs like *Hunger Strike* and *Like a Stone* – which they performed together each night.

Other career highlights have included a songwriting collaboration with Boots Riley's band The Coup on the *Sorry to Bother You* album, and a lauded performance at Carnegie Hall in tribute to late recording artist Prince. Among acts like D'Angelo, Elvis Costello, and The Roots, Bhi's rendition of *When Doves Cry* was hailed by critics from *Rolling Stone* and *Entertainment Weekly* as “the most memorable performance of the night” noting that “his vocals giving off a haunted air that left the crowd speechless.”

In 2015, Bhiman released his sophomore album, *Rhythm & Reason*. The single *Moving to Brussels* debuted on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim with a *Whiplash* parody music video starring Keegan-Michael Key of Comedy Central's *Key & Peele*.

Now, with his new album, *Peace of Mind*, Bhiman is taking an entirely new approach and releasing it as a podcast. It will include discussions with artists, activists and policy makers about the issues coming to a head in America and across the globe. By tapping artists and advocates to explore these truths through conversation, while set to a backdrop of his music enhanced by top industry sound designers, Bhiman brings a musical experience to important topics explored on the album. The podcast will feature guests like Glynn Washington from WNYC's *Snap Judgement*, best-selling authors Dave Eggers and Reza Aslan, musician Gaby Moreno, and lawyer Rabia Chaudry of *Serial* and *Undisclosed* podcasts. Bhiman's podcast and album *Peace of Mind* premieres January 25, 2019.

Short Bio:

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activists and policy makers about the issues coming to a head in America and across the globe. *Peace of Mind* drops on the Critical Frequency network January, 2019.