**Bastille release candid new track, ‘survivin’’**

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Following this summer’s surprise release of the raucous Graham Coxon collaboration ‘WHAT YOU GONNA DO???’, Bastille change things up yet again with defiant new single ‘**survivin**’’ — a lyrically vital and sonically intrepid song about the version of ourselves we choose to give away to others. Against a compellingly different sonic backdrop, frontman Dan Smith hits a new level of directness and honesty as he reflects on anxiety, self-doubt and the sometimes overwhelmingness of modern life.

Dan began work on ‘**survivin**’’ months before 2020 turned on its head, intending it to be a frank account of the highs and lows of Bastille’s seven years in existence. “There’d been times when I felt like I’d been in a washing machine and on a conveyor belt at the same time,” he says, “but when people asked me how I was doing, the answer was always the British cliché: ‘Yep, all good, fine.”

“At the start of lockdown I felt very self-conscious about having written a song that felt relevant when it wasn’t intended to be, but then I also think 2020 is the year we all stopped pretending everything’s fine.”

**‘survivin’’** is infectiously sparse and packs in pop-cultural references alongside constantly surprising musical moments. From the opening drum loop and rolling baseline, to the sudden ensemble of flutes offset against moments of hard auto-tuned vocals, to the chorus that hits like a “warm enveloping hug from a gang of friends”. There’s also copious sax courtesy of Bastille’s touring member Rittipo “We wanted his sax lines to be obnoxiously loud and we wanted them to make people smile.”

‘**survivin**’’ showcases a new, groove-led sound for Bastille, and along with ‘WHAT YOU GONNA DO???’ is typical of Bastille’s new expect-the-unexpected sonic identity!

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