

CALLUM WOOD: UNRESERVED



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Callum Wood has been changing Alternative R&B history since he began releasing his own tracks last year, through the barriers which he isn't afraid to cross, and there's no denying that this alternative sound which he offers in the music industry won't be successful. In Callum's first year of full-time music making, he has managed to release many tracks, including number 1 hit, 'Red Royce', and has been a feature in other artists albums, including; Solange and Sampha.

With some of the island's oldest history, Prialx Library is said to be Alternative R&B artist, Callum Wood, favourite spot to come to when in need of a reality check. We sit here, on these red velour chairs, surrounded by rustic early 1920's inspired decor. At first, Callum appears quite reserved but eventually, after explaining that today he will be answering some intimate

questions from his IG fans, his charismatic behaviour peeks out, unleashing an unforgettable energy.

WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT THIS YEAR?

Building this community. My supporters are not only my daily inspiration but the funkiest and kindest people. Honestly, without y'all, I would be nowhere.

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH IN THE FUTURE?

Damn...I've been lucky to work with so many sick people in this past year, including; Solange, Sampha, Gus Dapperton and Jaden. I hope to work with Daniel Caesar as his voice is unbelievably powerful!

WHO WAS YOUR BIGGEST INSPIRATION, WHEN GROWING UP?

I'm gonna say that my dad and his band mates were my biggest inspiration when growing up...I remember sitting in the garage for nights on end and them all teaching me how to play their instruments. They gave me the courage to start recording and releasing covers on soundcloud, which is where I got founded by Sony.

WHEN YOU'RE NOT WORKING, WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I listen to music, usually on my record player. My favourite vinyl is probably my homie, Tyler, The Creator's 'flower boy' album, I literally live for every single track. My homeboy's and I also shoot film, it's one of those pleasantly surprising hobbies as you never

know what the images will look like, until they're developed.

WOULD YOU SAY THAT FASHION IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE?

Yes! My style is the second most important part of my career, right after music. I love to thrift, whenever I can. If not I shop on depop, to try and score those unique pieces. A lot of people say my fashion can be quite feminine because I love flared trousers and women's shirts but I think that's the fun part of fashion, you can overstep the boundaries - it's a way to become yourself. I'm not supposed to say this but I may or may not be releasing something related to fashion in the next year...

WHAT'S A FEAR YOU WOULD LIKE TO OVERCOME NEXT YEAR?

That's a really tricky one! I try not to let my fears get in the way. If I wanna do something, I push the limits. I do it. To answer your question, I would like to explore more; I want to travel, meet more people, keep doing what I love and don't take anything for granted. It's not really a fear but I'm just scared that I'll lose myself in this crazy world.

The future of this Alternative R&B star is looking positive. Along the horizon, it appears that there are many agendas, including a possible fashion line in the making, many more collabs and perhaps a first album release? A year after entering the industry, this unparalleled artist is only just starting this insane journey, filled with much more success to come.