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17 Year Old Musician Mountain View, CA

## A CLOSER LOOK



Dominic 'Crosby' Christiansen



Coming from a garage in Mountain View, California on Monroe Street, one can hear drums smashing, electric guitars, singing, a piano, and many other instruments emitting hundreds of sounds a minute combining together to make a singular yet beautiful rhythmic sound. Tens, sometimes hundreds of hours can be put into writing a song. From the first steps of finding inspiration, to the writing, to the playing, and finally to the finished product, one can certainly say that being a musician isn't easy. There are many benefits, but also detrimental effects to being a musician. There are difficult decisions to make all along one's musical career, both emotionally and artistically. Dominic Christiansen is a self-taught 17 year old musician who makes indie rock in his bedroom. Let's dive into this young, aspiring musician's life as he navigates the emotional and artistic challenges of his dream career in music. After releasing only one EP with four songs, under his artistic name, Dominic Crosby, he has amassed 60,000 plays on Spotify and Soundcloud, the music streaming platforms. This early success is both a blessing and a curse because it tempts him to go for a career as a musician. But at the same time, he knows that he has to make decent money to be able to support himself, and musicians are famously poor. He knows that he is getting a late start in the field and that, unlike kids with years of music classes, Dominic is self-taught.





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At a young age, Dominic also had a big interest in playing baseball. But in the end, what really got him interested in music, was that it felt like he could create his own sport. Rather than finitely being told what to do by a coach and how to correct your form, he could use instruments to create his own music, default making him the greatest player of all time at that particular sport or song.







Worst of all, he has to make this life-impacting decision in the next year, as deadlines for college applications loom. Millions of teenagers have a passion like Dom, whether that is being a musician, an athlete, or a doctor, and they are all facing this same decision: to either go for it, or give it up as a fantasy. Dom's story is striking because he brings such emotional intelligence to this decision, and that same emotional intelligence shows up in his music.