

Parlotones's Kahn Morbee releases third studio album, *A World at Suicide*



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Kahn Morbee has built an incredible fanbase through the release of his previous two solo records, *'Salt'* and *'A Noise in the Void'*. *'A World at Suicide'* is the third studio album release from Morbee, out now, with *'All the Beauty'* unveiled as the first single released from the album.



Kahn Morbee. Photo: Chashish

Morbee talks about *'All the Beauty'* and what the writing process and inspiration behind the single was: "The opening lines of this song were changed to reflect the Covid-19 context that caused me to delay the release of the album.

"There's a scarecrow standing in the middle of the street (metaphor for Covid-19). Everyone's playing hide-and-seek (lockdown). Every day seems exactly the same (extended lockdown).' The gist of the song is accepting that life is a series of ups and downs."

I caught up with Morbee last week:

■ ***The new decade means:***

Wobbly starts and broken hearts.

■ ***Fame is about:***

An unexpected consequence of pursuing something others revere - a by-product rather than the target.

■ ***Retirement will happen when:***

A bizarre construct that 'removes' the most knowledgeable and experienced people from the 'think-tank', perpetuating an ageist culture.

■ ***I don't do:***

Politics

■ ***What does music mean to you?***

Freedom and therapy.

■ ***My music is about:***

Observation of the human journey.

■ ***I would love to co-write with:***

Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Nicks and Robert Smith.

■ ***Where do you go for inspiration to create?***

Within.

■ ***What is the most enjoyable aspect of your work?***

The creative metamorphosis of something out of nothing.

■ ***The song you must do in every show?***

Push me to the floor, Baby be Mine and Giant Mistake.

■ ***Any funny moments on stage?***

I once agreed to get wheeled onto stage in some magician's cage as part of a trick to start the show - let's just say the "ta-da" moment was pretty underwhelming and the laughter (and confusion) from both the audience and my band mates was at my expense.

■ ***My heroes:***

My Gran, da Vinci, Aristotle, Newton, Carl Sagan, Charles Darwin, Paul McCartney, Freddy Mercury, Stevie Nicks and Leo

Fender.



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▣ ***My style icon:***

James Bond, James Dean, Frank Sinatra, Bob Dylan, David Bowie

▣ ***Which living person do you admire most and why?***

Paul McCartney. The original singer-songwriter that certainly inspired me to want to journey into songwriting and experiment with genres using pop sensibilities.

▣ ***What is your most treasured possession?***

My guitar collection.

▣ ***It's your round. What are you drinking?***

Old fashioned.

▣ ***Dream gig to do:***

Glastonbury - main stage.

▣ ***What makes you stand out?***

I think my voice is identifiable.

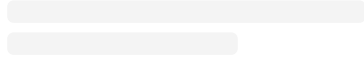
▣ ***Nicknames:***

Gingis and Oddball.

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If you were not a musician, what would you do?

I'm currently playing house dad and enjoying it.

🔴 ***Pick five words to describe yourself?***

Restless, enthusiastic, curious, ambitious and hopeful.

🔴 ***Favorite SA albums?***

Squeal – Long Pig; Perez – Wasted out; Springbok Nude Girls – Goddank vir klank and Johnny Clegg – Third World Child.

🔴 ***Greatest movie ever made?***

The Big Lebowski.

🔴 ***What books are you reading?***

Great Mental Models – Volume 2 - Book by Rhiannon Beaubien and Shane Parrish.

🔴 ***What song changed your life?***

A Day in the Life - The Beatles.

🔴 ***Who do you love?***

My wife, family, friends and myself.

🔴 ***What is your favorite word?***

Effervescent.

🔴 ***Favorite fashion garment:***

Hats.

🔴 ***Top of your bucket list:***

A luxury train ride to the Vic Falls and then chilling out on a houseboat for two weeks.

“ I'm sure you've got some time to kill, or maybe wanna drown out the day... If so, give 'A World at Suicide' a spin... The album is out pic.twitter.com/tPeJ32oGAd — Kahn Morbee (@KahnMorbee) [September 23, 2021](#) ”

📺 **Your greatest achievement:**

The fact that I somehow turned my hobby into a vocation.

📺 **What do you complain about most often?**

Politicians.

📺 **What is your fear?**

The speed of time.

📺 **On stage, I tend to?**

Escape.

📺 **The best life lesson you have been taught:**

Be kind.

📺 **Do you get worked up whilst watching a sports game on TV?**

Impassioned perhaps, but not overly. I'm not a shout-at-the-TV kind of guy. I do enjoy the collective experience of watching sport and going with the vibe.



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📺 **Where would you like to be right now?**

On a luxury train.

📺 **Do you do charity work, and if you do, what do you do?**

Generally stuff that involves awareness around preservation of the planet. I have become very skeptical of charities recently but that's a lengthy rabbit hole, and this is not the format.

📺 **Wishes and dreams:**

To keep aspiring to be the best version of myself, be valuable, kind and uplifting to those around me and my community and hope that ethos radiates outwards.

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