

EXCLUSIVE

OneRepublic in Tallinn

IT'S REALLY INCREDIBLE
TO KEEP EXPERIENCING
NEW SUCCESSES
ALL THE TIME.

The OneRepublic bassist/cellist/vocals man **Brent Kutzle** (29) talks to Estonia's Kroonika about life and getting old.

Tiia Nightingale, Photo credits: promo

First published in Estonian magazine Kroonika, October, 3 2014

www.kroonika.ee

OneRepublic

is a great young men's band from the USA that has conquered the world today. Their success took off in the internet environment MySpace. The band was established by two friends and schoolmates, Ryan Tedder and Zach Filkins, in 1996 in Colorado Springs.

Under the name "Republic" they reunited in Los Angeles in 2002 and a year after they were performing already everywhere in Los Angeles, where big music business sharks noticed them. In 2007 their first debut album «Dreaming Out Loud» was released, from which the single «Apologize» took off, and flew around the world independently when Timbaland made a remix of it. They got a Grammy Award nomination for that. OneRepublic's music has brains and soul, it is not over-complicated nor is it hollow showing off or bragging. They have symbols and deep meaningful content. Their videos are telling lively stories. They are about life's complicated sides, but carry solutions, or come up with some wise conclusions at least. Their rhythms don't let you huddle in the corner. When you listen for example to the strongly rhythmical song «Love Runs Out», you will feel at your heart chakra a kind of solution pulsating. At a concert their music makes all your earthly body dance along, lets your soul feel happiness and joy, while your mind calmly gathers its thoughts.

OneRepublic's music is influenced by The Beatles, U2, Fiona Apple, Peter Gabriel and many others. About their style Ryan Tedder has said that they "desire to move listeners onstage the way U2 does".

What has been the biggest highlight of your life (as a band or individual) until now?

As a band, we've done some things we consider monumental. Opening for U2 is close to the top of that list. It's really incredible to keep experiencing new successes all the time. We recently did a tour in the US that was sold out and was a much bigger success than we imagined. It's hard to name a single highlight.

Your songs and videos have great

stories in them and often you use older people, are you afraid of getting old yourself?

I think we're less afraid of getting old and more afraid of not taking advantage of every single day we have when we're young. We try to pack in as many things as we can on tour so, at the end of it all, we can say that we really did 'live' at our maximum.

Where do you see yourselves in 20 years?

I'm sure we'll all still be doing music (maybe not as a band) and our families will be huge at that point. I see ending up playing cello in a symphony and producing younger bands like ourselves.

What are you most afraid of?

There are many things to be afraid of but I'm most afraid of not overcoming most of those fears. As we grow we either learn to overcome them or decide we'd like to keep them as fears. I'd like to overcome them.

Ryan Tedder has said to Billboard that he is happy to see and hear that there is a "trend back towards real songs and great, honest songwriting trumping flashy or overblown production." Can you give some great examples of this honest songwriting?

One of the first examples that came out of nowhere, somewhat recently, was Adele. She basically made the type of music the world was really missing. People feel real over contrived on a deep and instinctual level. Many other acts and bands have followed in her footsteps recently, but I believe she reopened a door that had been, sadly, closed for the longest time. UK acts tend to do that.

What had you heard of Estonia before the tour?

It's sad to say that the only thing I knew was its general location, but that will change very soon once we visit. Like I've said, soaking up local cul-

ture is what we do best. I'm sure by the time I leave I'll know it so well and have a large appreciation for it.

What are 3 of your most favorite films?

-Paris je t'aime
-Let the right one in
-Jurassic Park

Are you going to make a film about OneRepublic one day?

Someday we may do a documentary about making an album. We've been talking about it quite a bit so I'm sure we'll be making one very soon.

Are you familiar with Estonian music?

We are not, but everywhere we go we end up learning about the culture and local music, so when we come we'll be doing just that.

Is there anybody you would swap your life with?

I'm so happy with my own that I'd like to just continue to make it better and figure out how to be a better friend and overall person. The most idealized individual has many problems of their own so I'd like to stay away from larger problems than my own.

What are the 3 biggest problems in the world today?

-starvation
-lack of empathy towards one another
-cats

If you could choose, who would rule the world?

Michael Buble ☞

BAND MEMBERS:

Ryan Tedder: Lead Vocals/
Guitar/Piano
Zach Filkins: Guitar/Vocals
Eddie Fisher: Drums
Brent Kutzle: Bass/Cello/
Vocals
Drew Brown: Guitar

Native Tour Tallinn concert takes place in Saku Suurhall November 11, 2014 Tallinn, ESTONIA

<http://onerepublic.com/>
<http://www.piletilevi.ee/est/piletid/muusika/show/onerepublic-144510/>

