

PUBLIC RELATIONS



BEN BARNES
'SONGS FOR YOU' DEBUT EP
DEBUTS AT #2 ON "TOP NEW ARTIST ALBUM" CHART (MRC DATA).
#6 ON PANDORA'S "PANDORA PREDICTION CHART"
AND
#12 ON BILLBOARD'S "HEATSEEKERS" CHART

October 26, 2021 – *Shadow and Bone/The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian/The Punisher/Westworld* actor Ben Barnes had been waiting 20 years to release music of his own. His fans turned out in droves to support him and help him celebrate his 40th birthday which have resulted in impressive debuts. In addition to making a big entrance at #2 on MRC Data's "Top New Artist Album" chart and at #6 on Pandora's "Pandora Prediction Chart," he also landed on various Billboard charts, including #12 on the "Heatseekers" chart.

BARNES' highly anticipated debut EP, *Songs For You*, is out now on all [digital outlets](#) via Label Logic, as distributed by Ingrooves. Last month, Barnes introduced his first song to the world with his soulful first single "11:11," which has since racked up close to 1.5 million streams worldwide on Spotify. The [video](#)—directed by *Shadow and Bone*'s Lee Toland Krieger and featuring his *Westworld* co-star Evan Rachel Wood—has over 574,000 views on YouTube. The video for the follow-up single, "[Rise Up](#)," was directed by Georgia King and features his *The Punisher* co-star Floriana Lima and has racked up over 156,000 views on YouTube.

Here are SONGS FOR YOU's chart positions:

- #2 Top New Artist Album (MRC Data)
- #6 Pandora's Prediction Chart
- #12 Billboard Heatseekers
- #16 Billboard Emerging Artists
- #25 Billboard Top Current Album Sales
- #30 Billboard Top Album Sales

As People declared, “You may know Ben Barnes as Prince Caspian from *The Chronicles of Narnia*, or perhaps as General Kirigan in Netflix's *Shadow and Bone*. But chances are, you don't know him as a crooning piano man singing blue-eyed soul — at least, not yet. In that case, allow Barnes to reintroduce himself.” While The A.V. Club praised, “Working with producers John Alagia and Jesse Siebenberg, Barnes makes a confident debut with this buoyant '70s throwback that's brimming with strings and brass and soaring vocals.”

About the EP and the song from which the title is based, In Style proclaimed, “The song's timeless intimacy calls to mind the kind of vulnerability Joni Mitchell talked about when she talked about writing her seminal Blue album, that she felt like ‘a cellophane wrapper on a pack of cigarettes,’ susceptible to being torn away. The vulnerability Barnes displays on *Songs For You* is similarly defenseless, an unhesitant ripping open.” And as Medium.com phrased quite poetically, “The five songs on *Songs For You*, his debut EP, prevent some events from becoming blurred memories of twenty years ago. Those who have played a role in them, now decorate rhythmic poems, emanate the warmth of a Sunday morning and collect stars at nightfall.”

In other news, “11:11” is featured as one of the latest "NOW Presents *What's Next*" New Music Preview bonus tracks on the new **NOW That's What I Call Music! Vol. 80** album, which will be released October 29. Fans can pre-order **NOW 80** on digital outlets [here](#).

Previewing tomorrow's biggest hits, "NOW Presents *What's Next*" has introduced major developing artists to **NOW's** enthusiastic, highly engaged audience, including Billie Eilish, Walk The Moon, Hot Chelle Rae, Hunter Hayes, Capitol Cities, A Great Big World, George Ezra, and Shawn Mendes, among others. **NOW 80** also features 16 major current hits from today's hottest artists, including Billie Eilish (“Happier Than Ever”), Maroon 5 (“Lost”), Olivia Rodrigo (“good 4 U”), Imagine Dragons (“Wrecked”), Post Malone (“Motley Crew”), and many others.

After years of being directed, written for and edited in movies and television, this is his moment to shine the light on the five songs on **Songs For You**, lovingly crafted at his piano at home and presented unedited and straight from the heart.

With the '70s-style, rich, entirely organic instrumentation of all the tracks on **Songs For You**— produced by John Alagia (Paul Simon, Dave Matthews, John Mayer, Herbie Hancock) and Jesse Siebenberg (Ke\$ha, Miranda Lambert, Neil Young, Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald)— Barnes is baring his soul through his music for the first time; hopeful, joyful, passionate, nostalgic, vulnerable and loving. The lyrics to most of the songs, he explains, came from “poetry written for a loved one or just for myself, a long-forgotten phrase I jotted down in a notebook years ago, inspired by a photograph, a moment, a quotation, or in the case of one song, a story I read about a female pirate!”

The time is now... Barnes has waited long enough to share his true passion of singing and writing his own songs, and **Songs For You** is not only for him, but for his fans.

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