

HEARTIST

An Introduction to...Heartist

Bryce Beckley (Vocals)

What is your full name + position in the band?

Bryce Nicholas Beckley. I perform the vocals!

Do you have any non-music hobbies or talents? If so, what?

I've been a huge gamer since I was young, and still continue to play when I get some free time to do so.

Give us your Twitter-sized bio – 140 words of everything we need to know about you, as a person!

22 years of age, avid reader and gamer, I love food too much for my own good. My band is my entire life. I tend to be a very calm and collected person, and writing and performing on stage really allows me to release all of my pent up emotions in an extremely fun way. I'm setting out to change people's perception of what music can be with this band, especially in the mainstream. I'm tired of hearing meaningless songs played on the radio that people hook onto because it's all there is. My dream is to bring emotion back to a world that appreciates songs about grocery bags and cake.

What are your Top 5 favorite albums of all time? And it has to be 5. You can't do 3 and you can't do 6.

Tides Of Man - *Dreamhouse*

Secret and Whisper - *Great White Whale*

Circa Survive - *Blue Sky Noise*

My Chemical Romance - *The Black Parade*

Panic! At The Disco - *A Fever You Can't Sweat Out*

What is your favorite Heartist song and why? Tell us something specific about why you love it, and perhaps a writing or recording story?

I would have to say my favorite song off of this EP is "Where Did I Go Wrong." It was the first time we, as a band, made a conscious effort to break out of our box and write something that we normally wouldn't. We had written "Disconnected" and "Nothing You Didn't Deserve" beforehand, and really wanted to do something more unique. "Where Did I Go Wrong" has really set the stage for the direction we want to pursue with our music in the long run. Expect to hear more of this!

Biggest influence + why?

I've always been influenced by vocalists that pack emotion into their lyrics and vocals. If I was forced to narrow it down to one person, I would have to say Gerard Way of My Chemical Romance. The man know how to pull at your heart strings when he sings. I've always envied that in singers.

If you had were stuck on a desert island, which member of Heartist would you want to be stuck with and why?

I'm pretty sure this question is built to sew discord between our members. You sneaky devils. ;) I would choose all of them so I could tie them together as a makeshift raft and float to safety. Wilson!

Who do you follow on Twitter and why?

I'm actually not very active at all on Twitter. So I pretty much follow my friends. I should probably work on that, huh?

Three bands you would LOVE to tour with.

Circa Survive. They have been one of my favorite bands since I first heard of them years and years ago.

Get Scared. I was recently introduced to them and I instantly fell in love. I don't think I have ever been so envious of a singer's ability, either.

Linkin Park. Because it's Linkin Park.

What's your biggest pet peeve and why?

When people are too strongly opinionated to take a second and think about other potentialities. I love the quote from The Wizard of Oz - "Some people without brains do an awful lot of talking, don't they?" That phrase seems to define our world all too well.

Jonathan Gaytan (Guitars)

What is your full name + position in the band?

My name is Jonathan Carlos Gaytan. I play guitar and do backup vocals for the band.

Do you have any non-music hobbies or talents? If so, what?

Aside from my passion for playing music I have a couple different hobbies and talents. One thing I have been doing since I was a kid is fishing. Fishing has always been my gateway to relaxation and tranquility. I have always been a fan of video games ranging from Super Mario all the way to Call of Duty. I love playing table tennis. I enjoy ghost hunting. There are probably a ton of other things that I can't remember right off the top of my head right now.

Give us your Twitter-sized bio – 140 words of everything we need to know about you, as a person!

I am a down to earth, outgoing, easily to get along with guy with a big compassionate heart. I am devoted to the ones I love. I am very interested in the unknown, conspiracy theory and the

paranormal. I love ghost, alien, mystery stuff. I enjoy random humor and being a goofball. I live to learn and try to appreciate every day for what it is.

What are your Top 5 favorite albums of all time ? And it has to be 5. You can't do 3 and you can't do 6.

Man, this is a tough one because I could probably name off a billion bands. But, I would have to say my favorite albums are the ones that have helped shape me as a musician.... 1) Blink182- *Enema of the State* 2) Taking Back Sunday- *Tell All Your Friends* 3) Gunther- *Pleasureman* 4) Linkin Park – *Hybrid Theory* 5) Green Day- *Dookie*.

What is your favorite Heartist song and why? Tell us something specific about why you love it, and perhaps a writing or recording story?

As of now, I think "Where Did I Go Wrong" is my favorite song. It is super fun playing the cool tapping guitar leads live and I think it is an overall catchy tune. I can honestly say the newer songs we have been writing for the full length album are truly going to be on a whole level though. So, I don't know how long "Where Did I Go Wrong" will stay my favorite.

Biggest influence + why?

Everyone has their own personal influences and mine is my uncle Emilio. He was my biggest influence, best friend and the best guitarist I have ever met. As a teen I was so amused with the sounds he could produce with this stringed instrument and I wanted to be just like him. When he passed away in 1999, I was inspired to pick up my first Cherry Red Squier Strat. The rest is all history.

If you had were stuck on a desert island, which member of Heartist would you want to be stuck with and why?

Well, Tim and I have been long time friends. We have been writing music together for many years and have been through a lot together. We think alike, so we'd find a way to create instruments out of rocks, coconut shells, and banana leaves. Then would we put on daily shows in front of our sweet audience... lots of crabs, fish and seaweed. Rock on!

Who do you follow on Twitter and why?

I mostly follow my closest friends, family and other musicians. I use twitter to try and stayed informed with the world as well. I follow a lot of world and breaking news accounts. Also, I find myself staying entertained by following certain comedians, funny, or random fact twitter accounts. I don't think I would know as many crazy random facts if it wasn't for twitter. By the way, did you know the average human body contains enough fat to produce 7 bars of soap? Haha.

Three bands you would LOVE to tour with.

Three amazing bands I would love to tour with are Linkin Park, Paramore, and 30 seconds to Mars. They have all been very influential to my songwriting and their musical success continues to inspire me daily.

What's your biggest pet peeve and why?

I would have to say my biggest pet peeve is people that are constantly negative. I am a firm believer in the Law of Attraction, and think we are surrounded by different types of energies that we attract like magnets. I like to suck up the positive as often as possible.

Evan Ranallo (Bass)

What is your full name + position in the band?

Evan Ranallo, bassist.

Do you have any non-music hobbies or talents? If so, what?

I love tinkering with computers, along with taking over the world or killing zombies on Xbox 360!

Give us your Twitter-sized bio – 140 words of everything we need to know about you, as a person!

I'm a quiet person, completely awkward in large crowds. I've been playing music for about 10 years now. It seems to be easier to express myself musically than any other medium. I have to have everything organized constantly. When I'm not writing music, organizing things tends to be a great way for me to organize my thoughts.

What are your Top 5 favorite albums of all time ? And it has to be 5. You can't do 3 and you can't do 6.

- *Operation Mindcrime* (Queensryche)
- *Truthless Heroes* (Project 86)
- *An Ocean Between Us* (As I Lay Dying)
- *Lost In the Sound of Seperation* (Underoath)
- *In Love and Death* (The Used)

What is your favorite Heartist song and why? Tell us something specific about why you love it, and perhaps a writing or recording story?

I love the passion behind "Disconnected," I think the structure just really flows with me on stage. It has so much energy!

Biggest influence + why?

I would have to say my dad. He is the most humble, talented, and enduring person I've ever met in my life. He planted the music seed in me and has taught me all that I know in life. He definitely gives me the courage to tackle life. Hopefully one day, I will be the great man and father that he is.

If you had were stuck on a desert island, which member of Heartist would you want to be stuck with and why?

That's a tough one. I would have to say Tim. With our powers combined, I think we could easily survive a desert island.

Who do you follow on Twitter and why?

Everyone who follows me

Three bands you would LOVE to tour with.

The Used, 30 Seconds to Mars, Lady Gaga

What's your biggest pet peeve and why?

When things are out of place, I literally have a "monk" panic attack.

Matt Marquez (Drums)

What is your full name + position in the band?

Matthew David Beetz Marquez and I play drums.

Do you have any non-music hobbies or talents? If so, what?

I'm a gun enthusiast. My family has an assortment of vintage rifles. Target shooting is a family affair.

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I love my family and friends. Sweet tea and metal are my vices. Pugs are my love life.

What are your Top 5 favorite albums of all time ? And it has to be 5. You can't do 3 and you can't do 6.

1. Sevendust - *Home*
2. Orgy - *Candyass*
3. Lenny Kravitz- *5*
4. Slipknot - *Iowa*
5. UnderOath - *Define the Great Line*

What is your favorite Heartist song and why? Tell us something specific about why you love it, and perhaps a writing or recording story?

I'd say "Nothing You Didn't Deserve" is my favorite. I love heavier rhythmic patterns. There's just an awesome feeling of putting groove in pissed off music

Biggest influence + why?

My family. I'd know nothing about living the awesome life I have without them.

If you had were stuck on a desert island, which member of Heartist would you want to be stuck with and why?

Tim. Because he has all the recording gear. We would make the epic death metal record for all the fish to hear. Metalocalypse style.

Who do you follow on Twitter and why?

My favorite that i folllow is @Weirdhorse! Because it's a weird horse tweeting. Downright hilarious. I mostly follow funny random twitter accounts that make me laugh

Three bands you would LOVE to tour with.

Sevendust. Killswitch Engage and Deftones.

What's your biggest pet peeve and why?

Cats. Because they are dirty rodents.

Tim Koch (Guitars)

What is your full name + position in the band?

Timothy Dean Koch aka Timson! I play guitar and do live backup vocals.

Do you have any non-music hobbies or talents? If so, what?

Jonathan and I spend hours watching the television show "Ancient Aliens" and reading the works of Giorgio Tsoukalos, Erich Von Daniken and Michio Kaku. We plan on reading more of their books to pass time on tour, thus increasing our knowledge of theoretical physics and the unknown. I find these topics to be some of the few things that are as engaging, to me, as creating music.

Give us your Twitter-sized bio – 140 words of everything we need to know about you, as a person!

I'm 23 years old. Friendly, open minded, compassionate, logical. Loves metal, The Legend of Zelda, Blue Moon, tattoos, sushi, Angels Baseball, Chicago Bears, Disneyland & Panda Express!

What are your Top 5 favorite albums of all time ? And it has to be 5. You can't do 3 and you can't do 6.

These 5 albums molded me into the musician I am today. In every way, from song writing structure to guitar playing style. I learned how to set a mood with each song to pull the listener in deep with pure emotion. That's what I'm all about now, connecting with the listener.

HIM - *Love Metal*

Thrice - *The Artist in the Ambulance*

Vedera - *The Weight of an Empty Room*

Nirvana - *Nevermind*

Linkin Park - *Meteora*

What is your favorite Heartist song and why? Tell us something specific about why you love it, and perhaps a writing or recording story?

My favorite Heartist song on the EP is probably "The Answer." It was actually the first song that was ever written for Heartist in December of 2010. It was a turning point for us musically. Instead of having screaming vocals in the verses, like we would normally do with a guitar riff like that, we chose to have singing vocals over the whole verse instead. That thought process has inspired us to take more unconventional approaches in the song writing of our new material.

Biggest influence + why?

I honestly have to say this... Without our label mates, Matt Heafy & Corey Beaulieu of Trivium, Heartist would not exist today. They were definitely a game changer in my musical career and inspired my guitar playing style the second I heard the album "Ascendancy" in high school. I feel that was a turning point for me, when everything clicked, and I knew what kind of music I wanted to write and what kind of band I wanted to be a part of. I'm eternally grateful that our band was able to find our home on the same label as some of the bands we look up to!

If you had were stuck on a desert island, which member of Heartist would you want to be stuck with and why?

I don't like favoritism! :[I guess if it comes down to it, I would choose Bryce. Perhaps we could use his charming good looks to woo some dolphins and ride them back to the main land?

Who do you follow on Twitter and why?

I mainly follow friends, fans that want to chit chat, fellow bands, and @themerchdude! Everyone is on Instagram now, though, So follow me on both! @timsonetc

Three bands you would LOVE to tour with.

Linkin Park

The Used

Foo Fighters

What's your biggest pet peeve and why?

"Rubberneckers" that cause unnecessary traffic on the freeway... Most of the time they aren't looking at anything exciting, and it always happens when you're in a rush to somewhere!