

感激有你

Grateful for your Company



少偉戴着副圓框眼鏡，無論是舉止、打扮皆與遊走在校園中的青年別無二致。從外表看來，難以想像他已是個在地盤工作足有兩年多的「判頭仔」。與「地盤佬」慣有形象大相逕庭的少偉平日總會背着一個大背包，裝着他的「搵食」工具。少偉自稱「做玻璃」，每天背着玻璃吸管、鋸子等工具走遍香港。即使上班做着體力勞動的工作，有時甚或要將部分文書工作帶回家加班，少偉每星期六仍會趕到荃灣租借的Band房，和他的「Band友」們練歌，風雨無間。

Wearing a pair of round shape glasses, Louis Lai doesn't look different from the youngsters walking around campuses. It is hard to imagine he has been working on the construction site as a 'little general contractor' for two years already, who carries a big backpack with his tools walking around the city every day. Despite working hard in daytime, and sometimes, he even brings unfinished work home, he meets his friends from the band every Saturday in the band room rented in Tsuen Wan.

害怕孤獨感 音樂改變人生

少偉並不介懷提起他的過去，「我『學壞』時，是大約十六、七歲的時候。」第一次接觸毒品，是在朋友家裡。「那時候大家都在食大麻精。」來自單親家庭的他，亦有段與家人關係惡劣的時候，他更因此與朋友在大陸住了一段時間：「最『曳』的時候，未睡醒已經開始『索』。」後來發現身體狀況轉差，尿道炎、胃痛等，無一不折磨着他。

改變了少偉未來的，是後來兩次進入自願性戒毒院舍的經歷。表現開朗的他坦然承認，其實很害怕獨自一人的感覺，幸好有一群明白自己的樂隊成員，盡可能不讓他感到孤獨。在戒毒中心的回憶除了與其他人共同生活外，更有學習各種從沒接觸過的事物的新鮮經歷。大部分時候，靠少偉利用休息時間在琴室、或是Canteen放置的鋼琴練習。

從二十一歲開始學習音樂後，少偉至今作品已有數首。作為一個過來人，無論是在《感激有你》一曲中寫到的：「前路看 / 怎會珍惜曙光 / 抬頭看 / 怎會有新希望 / 別人過往實太冷漠 / 尋找那刻天堂」；或是《夢想心跳》中的「曾在痛哭失意淚流 / 完結將代表失去」，少偉的歌詞中皆透露着一路上的辛酸回憶。

少偉坦言，立下決心要徹底戒毒，是在母親到戒毒中心探訪的時候。當看到年邁的母親到達中心時已喘不過氣來，以及她鬢角的白髮，無一不令少偉心痛，亦使他堅定戒毒的決心；他們之間的關係亦在這段路上慢慢修補。即使有難以啟齒的說話，少偉亦通過了初次在舞台上作為演員的演出向母親表露他的心聲。

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Fear of Loneliness Music has Changed My Life

Louis didn't mind talking about his past, 'I was about 16, 17 years old when I was led astray.' He tried weed for the first time when he was at a friend's home. 'Everyone was doing that.' He did not realize what it meant but he thought it was normal among friends. Louis is from a single-parent family. There was a time he didn't get along well with his family which made him decide to live with one of his friends in Mainland China for some time and he took drugs heavily at the moment. By the time, he found out his physical conditions turned bad, urethritis and stomach-ache have been torturing him every day.

He was admitted to the voluntary drug rehabilitation centres twice that has changed his life. Despite his good impression, he admitted that he was actually scared of being alone. He appreciated his thoughtful and considerate band members who always tried their best not to let him have the feeling of being left alone. Louis also shared his new experiences at the Centre, 'I had the opportunity to learn handicrafts, computer skills, pet grooming..... and of course, my favourite hobby, music.' He learnt music theories and basic instruments in his lessons, and he practised them in the music room or the canteen during break time.

His passion for music continues after he had the opportunity to learn music when he was 21. Louis has also been writing songs and lyrics whenever he has inspiration. He already has a few finished songs mentioning his throbbing past and struggles.

He made the promise to quit drugs completely when his mother visited him at the Centre. He saw his mother, short of breath after a long walk, and her hair was as white as snow, and it broke his heart. Their relationship has been fixing up in those years, and Louis tried to let his mother know his thoughts on the stage as he was an actor in the drama and it was his drama debut.

Accompanied and Protected by Friends and Family

When he was asked of the person he was most grateful for, social worker ET Sir who sat next to him smiled and answered for him, 'He has to thank too many people. The list is so long.' Louis agreed with a great laughter, 'I am most thankful to have people supporting me, and none of them has given up on me.' The supportive family, social workers, and band members meant a lot to him in his journey.

相伴同行 保駕護航

當被問及想要感謝的人時，少偉笑著回答：「最感激的是身邊沒有一個人放棄我。」無論是家人的關懷、社工的陪伴、抑或是樂隊成員的支持，都是他一路走來的支撐。提到樂隊Dream Class，他笑道：「明明是幾個大男人，但卻會小心翼翼地問我『有冇精神啊？有冇時間出席啊？』幾句親切的問候令人感到溫暖。」

除了一班為他保駕護航的人外，音樂亦是他的精神支柱：「我會玩音樂玩到手指動不了的時候。」對「音樂對你代表了甚麼？」的提問，他目光堅定地答道：「音樂就是生命。是令我堅持下去的最大動力。」在二零一八年五月，他以舞台劇伴奏的身份站上舞台，在他追夢的旅途上再前進一步。少偉開心地說：「我覺得這是對我的肯定，認同了我的能力。」



The passion of music has restored Louis' faith in drug rehabilitation for all these years. 'I will play music until the day my fingers can't feel anymore.' He answered the question 'What does music mean to you?' with strength and enthusiasm, 'Music is life. It played an important role in my past years.' In May 2018, he will be providing accompaniment for a drama and it will be a giant step on his path of chasing dream. 'My music teacher and ET Sir invited me personally,' Louis wore a big smile, like a child, 'and I feel accepted and my abilities are recognized.'