



Artist: Joelle Charan

Release: Forgive Me

Release Date: 1st September

For Fans Of: Katie Melua, Laura Mvula, Norah Jones, Alicia Keys

"We loved it! More please!" - Send Me Your Ears

"While her music is magnificent, it would be amiss to leave out how beautiful Joelle's voice is" - Sinusoidal Music

"Blue Moon Bird" is a masterpiece - melody ★★★★★ production ★★★★★"
- Berlin on Air

"The perfect cinematic soundtrack to the changing season"
- Music News UK

Since the release of her last single in April 2022, Joelle Charan's career has been going from strength to strength. Quickly selling out her first two gigs in the UK, her 2023/2024 calendar is filling up with dates all over Europe. This is not surprising. Her live performances, a tantalising mixture of smooth piano and jazz influences, have been met with critical acclaim with audiences from London to Amsterdam singing her praise.

Having taken a brief hiatus due to some health issues, Charan is back with brand new release **Forgive Me**, out in September. In a slight move away from the more traditional feel of her 2020 EP **Ashira**, Forgive Me is a luscious blend of piano, celesta and double bass

laced with Joelle's stunning vocals. The use of the French horn adds to the uniqueness of her sound and showcases her ability to experiment with new instrumentation without fear.

"During my studies, I often felt lonely living in New York with an ocean separating me from home. Sometimes the days would stretch out endlessly... The French horns voice how lonely I felt with their mellow, soft lines. They also portray the old-world elegance in modern Manhattan that I saw around me while walking down the rainy avenue."

Written about her time in New York, Joelle drew inspiration from an argument she had had with her mother who was visiting at the time. Her struggle with loneliness had manifested during her mother's visit, and she was filled with regret. Deeply spiritual, Joelle prayed for forgiveness to overcome the emptiness she felt.

The artwork for Forgive Me was painted by **Berend van den Brand** and inspired by **De Stijl**, a famous Dutch art movement known for its members such as Piet Mondriaan and Gerrit Rietveld.

"I photographed myself with an umbrella in the artwork, mirroring the mysterious figure you see. With only primary colours and a simple design, the minimalist painting depicts the emotional scene in which I wrote this song, walking down a New York avenue in the rain."

"Loneliness is the central theme of this song, and I chose De Stijl because of its emptiness. To me, emptiness and loneliness are intertwined emotions, and you can almost touch loneliness in the empty spaces of this artwork."

Despite these struggles in her formative years, Joelle believes that her time in America helped mould the person she is today. Forgive Me proceeds her forthcoming album, a body of work that she considers her coming-of-age story, with this new single as the opening act.

About Joelle Charan

Born and raised in Amsterdam to a Catholic mother and Hindu father, Joelle is empowered by her mixed heritage and religious beliefs. She captures her listeners with descriptive lyrics that tell stories inspired by her Indian grandparents, her family's hardships, and the adventures of her travels. Drawing musical inspiration from the likes of Laura Mvula and Norah Jones, Joelle's early work is infused with classical Indian elements for a sound that is both immersive and full of surprises.

Upon graduating from the **Conservatory of Amsterdam**, Joelle moved to New York to deepen her knowledge of songwriting. She studied at **The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music** in Manhattan with generous scholarships from the prestigious **Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds** and the conservatory itself. Joelle found inspiration in all corners of the city and returned from her year in New York with a suitcase full of songs.

Forgive Me was written and arranged by Joelle Charan, and co-produced with **John Reynolds** (Sinéad O'Connor, Brian Eno, U2, Damien Dempsey).

Tour Dates:

Sep 24, 2023: "Joelle Charan Sings The Beatles" at Teatro Munganga, Amsterdam NL

Nov 5, 2023: Live at Station West, Amsterdam NL

Apr 12, 2024: Live at The Acoustic Lounge, Poynton UK

Apr 14, 2024: Live at Lincoln Jazz Cafe, Lincoln UK

Further 2023/2024 dates to be added soon - <https://joellecharan.com/>