

# An ice way to follow dream



**ONE2WATCH**  
By **CHRIS SWEENEY**

**JESSARAE'S dad pursued his dreams on the ice — now, his boy is doing the same in the charts.**

The young rocker's old man is former NHL ice hockey superstar Luc Robitaille.

He won The Stanley Cup with The Detroit Red Wings and also appeared for the Los Angeles Kings.

Now based in London after growing up in LA, 21-year-old Jessarae admits they have similar experiences.

Jessarae said: "When I moved over here, I was 20. When my dad got drafted to The Kings, he was 20 too."

"So I'd call him with all these questions about what happens when you move to a place on your own, to follow your passion. And he'd start laughing, saying he had all the same thoughts and questions back then too. His dedication to do what he loves has always been an inspiration for me."

Usually rising singers go to La La Land and don't leave. But Jessarae — half-brother to Vampire Diaries star Steven R. McQueen, grandson of The Great Escape legend — feels he had to do it.

He explained: "I've always loved British music. I wanted the opportunity to do my own thing. I'm lucky enough to have lived most of my life in LA. And I have all kinds of friends

who are musicians or actors, and they've come from all parts of America to move to Los Angeles to follow their dream.

"A big part of it is leaving where you come from and starting your journey. I needed some separation. That's why I don't use my dad's last name in my music."

"I want to do it on my own, totally."

While his debut album is being crafted in the background, both of his previously released EPs have been hits. He's also got an acoustic one due out soon.

Jessarae said: "The short-term goal has been working on this new EP. "But I'm also thinking about the album."

"It's coming along really well."

Jessarae hits Edinburgh's Electric Circus on February 17. On his last tour, a fan had to be carted out of his Glasgow gig with a fractured foot.

He said: "I saw them tweet about it. She even put the date. There's a lot of dancing. But people don't need to be worried, just be mindful of space. Don't expect to break your foot at my shows."

He also has his eyes fixed on bigger venues. Jessarae added: "I think every musician secretly wants to play

stadiums. Belief takes you almost the whole way home."

So Jessarae is having a ball living out his own dreams. He said: "I've been doing this since I was younger. It's still the same process, but I've just got better at it — so there's still that integrity in what I do, like there was back then."

"The way I see it is — if you're not having fun, what's the point in doing it?"

Get tour tickets at: [jessarae.com](http://jessarae.com)



## ONE2SEE

LEEDS' finest Menace Beach are keeping their city's reputation intact.

They're superb live and are known for whipping a crowd into a frenzy. And they're out in the tour bus right now, with current album *Lemon Memory*. They'll be at Broadcast in Glasgow on February 14 and the night after at Edinburgh's Sneaky Pete's.

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## ONE2HEAR

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Hear it now at: [facebook.com/koyoband](https://facebook.com/koyoband)

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## ONE BIG FUSE

**WHO:** Calum Fraser (guitar/vocals), Scott Macleod (bass/vocals/guitar), David Matheson (drums)

**WHERE:** Glasgow / Stornoway  
**FOR FANS OF:** Jimmy Eat World, Blink-182, Biffy Clyro

**JIM SAYS:** Hebridean trio One Big Fuse are set to release their debut EP in the coming week.

The *Ocean On Your Own* is a gloriously eclectic collection of songs ranging from alt.folk to full on rock.

One minute you get a Snow Patrol vibe, the next you could be listening to Foo Fighters or Queens Of The Stone Age.

Scott told me: "The *Ocean On Your Own* is a line from the first single *Shoot A Hole*, which we released at the end of December. It's about tip-



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ping over from your teens to your twenties, like you've been dropped in the ocean on your own, with something unfamiliar in front of you. The EP serves as a snapshot of our lives over the past few years."

Childhood friends on the Isle of Lewis, opening track *Followed By The Same* was written when Scott and Callum were just 15. Calum said: "It all really began when Scott and I were jamming in our Standard Grade Music class. We had similar tastes and both wrote and played guitar and gigged locally but it's only in the last

year we've started giving it more effort. I still stay in Stornoway so Dropbox is a big help. We record demos on a laptop and stick them on there, so when we get together we're not starting from square one."

The line-up is completed by fellow islander David from Skye. They first met him playing in another band in Glasgow. Scott explained: "There's only so far you can progress in Stornoway. Once you start getting a few more gigs in Glasgow it gives you an incentive to practise more, write more, and generally put a bit more effort into making something you care about and are proud of." The EP was recorded with another Lewis native, Colin Macleod. Previously working under the name *The Boy Who Trapped The Sun*, Colin now performs as C.Macleod. Calum said:

"Colin is someone we've known for a long time. Scott plays guitar in his band. We've listened to his music since his first album. He's just recorded with Ethan Johns (Kings Of Leon, Ryan Adams, Paul McCartney). He passed down a lot of production genius and we've ended up with an EP we're proud of. It's great to work with someone you admire. We owe him a lot."

The *Ocean On Your Own* is launched this Wednesday 8th with a gig at The Hug And Pint in Glasgow. One Big Fuse also support Bristol band *Sleep Talking* at Glasgow's Nice N Sleazy on March 8.

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