

KAIYA GAMBLE

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Soulful pop artist hailing from Calgary, Alberta, Kaiya Gamble has musical prowess that transcends her young age. Notably recognized as a contestant on American Idol Season 22, the singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist weaves together captivating melodies and heartfelt lyrics that resonate deeply with listeners, creating a powerful connection that transcends boundaries.

Her new single, "Polaroids," is a soul-stirring song that takes listeners on an emotional journey that explores the profound pain of gradually losing someone you love. Written solely by Gamble and produced by JUNO-nominated Spencer Cheyne and Justin Kudding, the track effectively captures the raw essence of sadness through its poignant and heartfelt lyrics, and the musical arrangement serves to enhance its emotional impact. With haunting keys skillfully played by Nelson Jackson III (Ariana Grande, Ben Platt), the track creates an atmospheric and introspective ambiance. The keys intertwine with Gamble's raw vocals, adding a haunting and melancholic touch to the overall sound.

"This song is by far the closest you can get to my heart without performing open heart surgery. It really is the first song I've written that feels 100% me. "Polaroids" opened my eyes to the power of songwriting, when you are entirely honest with yourself about how you're feeling. Every time I've performed "Polaroids" live it's resonated with the crowd, and I can't wait for more people to hear it, and hopefully feel a little less alone."

Finding early success with her debut single "Speak Out" in 2020, Gamble achieved remarkable milestones. The song soared to the Top 3 in the 2021 International Women's Freedom Song Contest, received airplay on Alberta's premier radio stations, and earned a nomination for Pop Single of the Year at the 2021 YYC Music Awards. Additionally, she garnered recognition as the Standout Artist in Lawson Vocal Studio's esteemed national 'Becoming' contest in 2021. Her influence further expanded as she graced a Times Square Billboard and captivated readers with a compelling four-page feature in the 2021 Amazon Bestseller, 'Women of Inspiration, Women Driving Change.' Furthermore, she made history as the youngest artist ever to be showcased on HOLR Magazine's renowned 'In The Mirror' podcast in 2021.

Gamble has been captivating audiences with her profound voice and musical charisma since she was nine years old. She has already performed for thousands of people, sharing the stage with acclaimed artists such as JUNO/CCMA Award winner Brett Kissel, Neon Dreams, Lenka, and Stacey Kay. Notably, Gamble has headlined Hayley Wickenheiser's WickFest for four consecutive years, solidifying her status as a captivating performer. In 2022, she made history as the youngest artist chosen to grace the stage at Canadian Music Week (CMW) in Toronto.

Deeply committed to philanthropy, Gamble frequently lends her talent to support numerous charitable causes. One notable endeavor includes her monthly virtual performances for the Cancer Ward at Randwick Children's Hospital in Sydney, Australia. Gamble also conceived and produced 'Kaiya Live,' a globally streamed benefit concert in the autumn of 2021. Her unwavering dedication to charitable endeavors earned her the prestigious Women of Inspiration Youth Excellence award in 2019, making her the first Canadian recipient of this esteemed recognition, acknowledging her outstanding contributions to both music and philanthropy.

Gamble holds a profound aspiration for her music—one that goes beyond mere entertainment. With heartfelt sincerity, she shares, *"I hope with my music, I can connect people with the deepest parts of themselves, and they'll know they aren't alone. Everyone's welcome."* Creating a safe haven for listeners to find solace and understanding, Gamble's music serves as a bridge, connecting souls from diverse backgrounds and uniting them through shared emotions and universal human experiences. By inviting others into her artistic realm, she embraces the power of inclusivity, reinforcing that everyone, regardless of their differences, is welcome to join her on this journey of self-discovery and emotional connection. With each soul-stirring note, Kaiya Gamble paves the way for a world where empathy, understanding, and unity flourish, leaving an indelible impact on the hearts and minds of all who encounter her and her music.