

Refael Mirila announces debut single 'Loving You Hurts'

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For alt-pop artist **Refael Mirila**, the ebb and flow of life is the biggest source of inspiration when it comes to music, whether that's through pain or joy. Exploring sounds of indie, alternative pop and R&B, Mirila finds soul within it all, and his debut release '**Loving You Hurts**' is a fine example of that. Set for release on the 28th January 2022, '**Loving You Hurts**' embraces the pain of real love and self-reflection.

Sparked by an agonising break-up '**Loving You Hurts**' offers contemplation on the relationship and on one's self. "I see pain as an inseparable component of growth. Allowing myself to be in that space created a sense of liberation." explains Mirila. "It's a confession to myself, about loving someone but understanding that this love causes too much suffering, so it must come to an end." The difficult confession of loving someone

even when the relationship is over, is displayed through raw and emotive songwriting in **'Loving You Hurts.'**

Contemporary production, distinctive vocals and Middle Eastern instrumentation are combined to create **Refael Mirila's** signature soundscape. The opening choral vocals are immediately captivating before the husk of Mirila's voice sweeps in, layered over mellow piano chords and dynamic drum beats. What makes **'Loving You Hurts'** unique is the soundscape of Mirila's home, scattered throughout. His childhood granted him exposure to a variety of musical styles and cultures, such as Israeli folklore, so it's only natural that these Middle Eastern influences are captured in the essence of Mirila's songwriting and production. The Oud guitar, an Arabic instrument, becomes a beautiful prominent feature throughout **'Loving You Hurts'**, blending gypsy sounds with pop production to create a spellbinding composition.

The slow-tempo track builds in intensity with rhythmic drum beats and subtle synthesizers while expertly highlighting Mirila's impressive vocal range. The melodic chorus is given a passionate and emotive delivery that will stir listeners. The repetitive construction of *'Tell me how to love you and be the one you run to'* is a dramatic conclusion, bringing the message home to the heart.

Moving between London and Holland greatly influenced Mirila's music career. While **'Loving You Hurts'** is his debut release, Mirila is no stranger to the music scene even appearing on TV shows in Israel, while gaining a music education in Holland. Although the focus is primarily on **Refael Mirila's** own music, his other projects include collaborations with various artists in pop and EDM genres in both Holland and Israel. His ultimate goal is to continue creating a sonic cosmic that people can connect to within their soul, and 2022 is the year that **Refael Mirila** will gift listeners with these offerings.

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