



ARTIST INTERVIEW - ROOM8

BACKGROUND

ROOM8 is the electronic pop artist/production duo of Ezra Reich and Nic Johns. They are based out of LA and also now work quite a bit in Stockholm. ROOM8 debuted in 2014 with two collaborations with Drive Soundtrack heroes, Electric Youth, the first being their debut single "Visions of You" on WIN Music and also the song "Without You" on EY's debut album for Secretly Canadian, "Innerworld." Since then, they have released features with Little Boots, King Deco, Polina and have remixed Kimbra and Elliphant, the latter topping Hype Machine. Their next single "All About Us" features Swedish singer Erik Hassle and will be out January 27th, 2017.

We chatted with them about how they're using the Prophet-6.

What made you choose the Prophet-6?

"We have always loved the sound of the classic Prophet-5 and also used the old Sequential Prophet 600 and Split 8 in our music for a while. We adore how the Prophet-6 retains all of the sonic character and timbre of the Prophet-5 but with a slightly tighter, modern sound and more parameters."

How are you using it?

"We program it on almost all of our new tracks for any lighter pads, stabs, arps, and sometimes bass. We also use it as the main synth in our live show."

What's one of your favorite things about it?

"It's all about the quality of the sound. The pure VCO path and the quality of the build. It truly is one of the great poly synths of all time now and carries the legend of the Prophet-5 into modern music. We use many old poly synths but we use the Prophet-6 as much as anything."

What does it give you that other instruments might not?

"A tightness in the oscillators and MIDI combined with that thin, dreamy sound that only the Prophet-5 provided previously. The high-pass filter is fantastic for fitting it into a mix. The on-board poly sequencer is a delight to use."

Any interesting tricks or techniques you'd like to share?

"One of our favorite things is to hit the Prophet-6 with the Valhalla VintageVerb plug-in. That combo is always an incredible sound."

LINKS

www.soundcloud.com/room8official

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Prophet-6 LINKS

<https://www.davesmithinstruments.com/room8/>

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