

= Beautiful Heartache =

Beautiful Heartache is a 2009 music album by Russian pianist and singer @-@ songwriter , Oksana Grigorieva , with Mel Gibson as executive producer . Born in Saransk , Russia , Grigorieva studied music in Moscow and Kazan , and at the Royal College of Music in London . She later moved to the U.S. and patented a technique of instructing music notation to children . Grigorieva gained attention as a songwriter in 2006 after a song that she wrote , " Un Dia Llegara " , became popular on the Josh Groban album Awake .

Grigorieva signed with Gibson 's music label , and the two began production on her first music album . She composed all songs on the album . Gibson served as co @-@ writer on the song , " Say My Name , " and recorded four music videos for the album 's release . The album was positively received by the media , including ABC News and Reuters . IndieLondon gave the album a rating of 4 out of 5 .

= = Musician = =

Grigorieva was born in Saransk , Russia . Her parents were music professors . She grew up in Ukraine , and at the age of 15 moved to Moscow to attend university in order to learn piano . She said of her experience of learning music as a child , " Diplomas were everything . It wasn 't unusual for students to play ten hours a day . Our skin would start to crack . We 'd literally have bleeding fingers . " Grigorieva finished conservatoire studies in Kazan , and moved to London where she continued her studies and taught music to others . After studying at the Royal College of Music , she moved to the United States and spent time living in New York and Los Angeles , California . She taught music in the U.S. , and patented a technique of instructing music notation to children . Grigorieva composed and performed music , and produced works for theatre and advertisements . A 2006 song she wrote , " Un Dia Llegara " , became popular on the Josh Groban album , Awake ; this garnered her recognition as a songwriter .

= = Production = =

Grigorieva had signed with Gibson 's music label prior to the album 's release . The music project was made by the film production company Icon Entertainment , owned by Gibson . She wrote all of the songs on the album , and received a credit as producer with Gibson listed as executive producer . Grigorieva explained the choice of title for the album , in an interview with IndieLondon , " Well , one of the tracks on the album is called Beautiful Heartache ... everybody has a heartbreak at some point in their lives . It ? s how you deal with it that ? s important . So , I guess I was drawn to that notion for the album title . "

In an interview with The Times , she commented , " I 'm very lucky they offered me the chance to follow my dreams , but also to allow me to produce my own album , which is hardly ever offered to first @-@ time artists . He believes in me that much . I 'm really blessed ... It 's the most incredible gift that Mr Gibson could have given me . " She acknowledged to the Herald Sun that it was helpful to have Gibson 's production company assist with her music career , " If you think about it , every talent needs a serious push and help from somebody who is stronger , because it 's pretty much impossible for anybody to succeed in this industry . So I 've become very lucky , and I 'm very grateful . You don 't control the situations or the people you meet . I did not plan this . I 'm just doing what I 've always been doing . It 's not like I 've changed my goals at all . "

Gibson contributed lyrics to multiple tracks on the album . The track , " Say My Name " , was co @-@ written by Grigorieva and Gibson . Grigorieva described " Say My Name " , stating , " It is naked , intimate , raw emotion . It is the first and one of the simplest songs on the album , but also one of the most intimate . " She characterized it as , " little more than piano and voice as if it is a cry from the soul " . Gibson provided guest vocals for two tracks on the album . Grigorieva stated of Gibson 's singing on the album , " Mel is an incredible artist . He has a great voice . He is a visionary . He enabled me to produce this , for my music to live . "

Gibson served as director of four music videos intended to accompany the release of the album . The music videos were filmed over a seven @-@ day period in Mexico . Grigorieva stated of working with Gibson as a music video director , " I kept asking him , ' Please , give me directions ! ' I said , ' You can yell at me if you want to ' . But he said , ' No , you 're doing just fine . You 're a good actor ' . He was very much into his own world , painting pictures with the camera . " In describing the music videos , she observed , " They 're like dramatic miniature films a whirlpool of different , exciting , bright images . " Grigorieva toured to promote her album , during October 2009 . The first single from the album , " Say My Name " , was released in June 2009 on the website People.com as a listening exclusive . Beautiful Heartache was released on November 2 , 2009 . It was made available in 2009 on iTunes , and via download on the musician 's official website , at www.oksana.fm.

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Beautiful Heartache was marketed as " grown @-@ up , piano @-@ led pop , heavy on classical motifs " . The first single released for the album was titled , " Say My Name " . A music video for the second single released from the album featured Grigorieva on the piano , as well as portraying an assistant to a knife @-@ thrower . The album includes a title track , " Beautiful Heartache " , with lyrics including : " I love the way you wear your skin . " The music video for the track , " Beautiful Heartache " , focused on a tango theme . The song " Angel " was named for her son with Timothy Dalton , Alexander .

= = Reception = =

ABC News reported that Beautiful Heartache garnered the singer " rave reviews " from music critics . Reuters commented of the album , " ' Beautiful Heartache ' features a collection of wistful love songs , blending shimmering string arrangements with pop and jazz @-@ influenced arrangements that showcase Grigorieva 's soulful voice . " In a review of the album , Jack Foley of IndieLondon gave it a rating of 4 out of 5 , and observed , " throughout , she displays a keen ear for melody , for honest emotional simplicity and classic values . She ? s well worth taking the time to check out " . The track from the album co @-@ written with Mel Gibson , " Say My Name " , was not generally well received by music critics , and received negative comments from listeners at the website E ! Online .

= = Track listing = =

All lyrics written by Oksana Grigorieva ; , all music composed by Oksana Grigorieva ; " Say My Name " co @-@ written with Mel Gibson .

= = Personnel = =

Composition

Oksana Grigorieva ? writing , composition

Mel Gibson ? co @-@ writer , " Say My Name "

Accompaniment

Matt Chamberlain ? drums

Paul Bushnell ? bass

Lyle Workman ? guitar

Greg Suran ? guitar

Jamie Muhoberac ? keyboard

David Campbell ? string arrangements and conducting