



**MAXIME VALLIERES**

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## BIOGRAPHY

Maxime Vallieres is an electronic music producer based in Quebec City, Canada.

Using field recordings as the basis of his practise, Maxime Vallieres explores the relation between an artist's work in respect to the location and environment in which it is created. As a traveling artist, he seeks to connect with locals to learn about their culture, their heritage and history, and their past, present and future challenges. Soaring guitars, warm analogue synths, textured samples, carefully crafted electronic beats, and improbable collaborations with local and international singers all come together to form rich, groovy, contemplative soundscapes. After releasing two albums with alt-rock bands in 2009 and 2013, he decided to continue his musical journey as a solo artist. The release of his debut EP marked the beginning of a new era in his career. Released in early 2018, *Ljós*, meaning "light" in Icelandic, was a departure from the projects he had been involved in for the past decade. Working on this solo project was liberating, as it allowed him to explore musical avenues that felt more natural to him, without compromise.

In 2018-2019, Vallieres spent five months in New Zealand, where he composed most of the music for his album *Islands* (released on 22 November 2019). He performed at Sofar Wellington with a local artist, Flix Rose, and later at TSB Festival of Lights, in New Plymouth.

"Over the past few years, I lost many loved ones, fell in and out of depression and had to deal with health issues that affected my ability to sing. I felt trapped, unable to express myself at a time when I needed it most. I traveled to New Zealand to shake up my life and to try to find out who I was as a person and as an artist."

After *Ljós* (Iceland) and *Islands* (New Zealand), it was during a creative residency at the Ewart Duggan House in Medicine Hat, Alberta, that he wrote *The Sun Will Rise*. Available on October 23rd, 2020, this new four-song EP expresses a desire for change in a world filled with tension and despair.

"I'm not sure if you can and should compare Reykjavik, Wellington and Medicine Hat. There's a unique energy when you live on an island isolated from the rest of the world, but you also feel so small yet inspired when you find yourself between the Canadian Rockies and the prairies. It's vast. It's heavy. It's unsettling. The feeling when you step inside Ewart Duggan House is all that and more." — Maxime Vallieres



## WORKS

- 2020 Maxime Vallières / The Sun Will Rise (EP)
- 2019 Maxime Vallières / Islands (EP)
- 2018 Maxime Vallières / Air (Single)
- 2018 Maxime Vallières / Ljós (EP)
- 2013 Stolen Heights / We Could Be Trees (LP)
- 2010 The Gift / Satellites (LP)

## RESIDENCIES

- 2022 Newfoundland, Canada / Self-directed residency
- 2019 Medicine Hat, AB, Canada / Ewart Duggan House Residency
- 2018 Wellington, New Zealand / Self-directed residency
- 2014 Surry, ME, United States / Surry Music Therapy Center

## NOMINATIONS

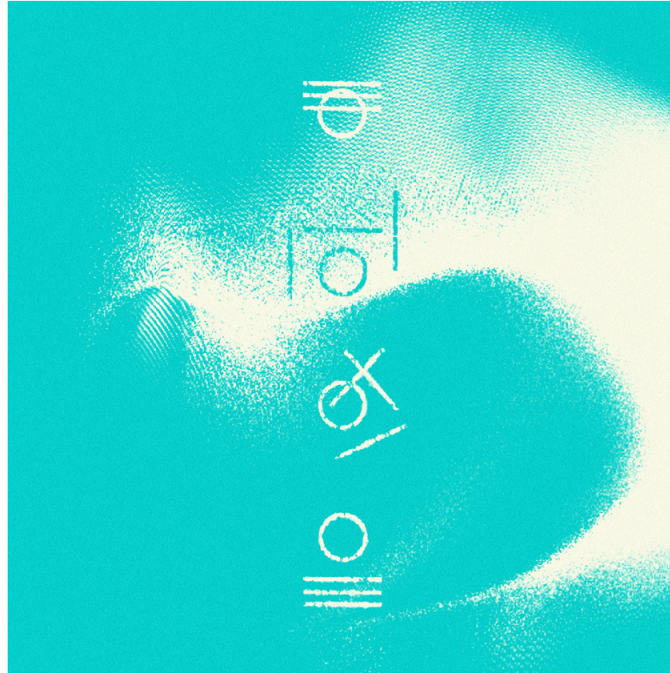
- 2020 GAMIQ: Electronic EP of the year for Islands

## GRANTS

- 2022 Canada Council for the Arts / Explorer et créer / Recherche et création
- 2020 FACTOR / Artist Development
- 2020 Ville de Québec / Première Ovation Musique
- 2019 Canada Council for the Arts / Explorer et créer / Recherche et création
- 2019 Ville de Québec / Première Ovation Musique
- 2017 Ville de Québec / Première Ovation Musique

## INSPIRATION

Agnes Obel / Bonobo / Christian Löffler / Dumas / Efterklang / Mogwai / Ólafur Arnalds



ARTIST Maxime Vallieres  
ALBUM The Sun Will Rise  
DATE 23 October 2020  
TRACKS  
01 - The Sun Will Rise  
02 - Patterns  
03 - A Song for Rachel Wylie  
04 - J'ai marché dans son lit (feat. Camille Caron)

#### CREDITS

Maxime Vallieres (vocals, keys, guitars, programming)  
Hugo Blouin-Leclerc (guitars)  
Camille Caron (vocals)

Recorded and mixed by Maxime Vallieres  
Lyrics and music by Maxime Vallieres  
Lyrics and vocals on *J'ai marché dans son lit* by Camille Caron  
Mastering by Philip Gosselin at Le Lab Mastering  
Artwork by Jean-Christophe Yelle / Pikur

# CONCERTS

## \_\_SOLO

28/11/2019 @ Maelstrøm Saint-Roch, Québec, QC  
18/01/2019 @ TSB Festival of Lights, New Plymouth, New Zealand  
26/11/2019 @ Sofar Sounds Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand  
07/04/2018 @ Sofar Sounds Québec, Québec, QC  
02/03/2018 @ Maelstrøm Saint-Roch, Québec, QC (complet)  
17/06/2017 @ Fête de la musique, Québec, QC

## \_\_STOLEN HEIGHTS

28/03/2015 @ Cégep Garneau, Québec, QC  
21/11/2014 @ Dézérystan, Montréal, QC  
20/11/2014 @ Bobby McGee, Montréal, QC  
08/11/2014 @ Bedondaine et Bedons Ronds, Chambly, QC  
07/11/2014 @ Ecobeat, Sherbrooke, QC  
24/10/2014 @ Bar Coop l'Agitée, Québec, QC  
19/10/2014 @ TBA, Ste-Rose-Du-Nord, QC  
18/10/2014 @ Bar à Pitons, Saguenay, QC  
27/09/2014 @ Ecobeat, Sherbrooke, QC  
21/06/2014 @ Galerie d'art Factory, Québec, QC  
14/06/2014 @ Le Cercle, Québec, QC  
24/05/2014 @ Le Cercle, Québec, QC  
17/05/2014 @ Sergent Peppers Pub, Thetford Mines, QC  
08/05/2014 @ La Source de la Martinière, Québec, QC  
27/04/2014 @ Bar Coop l'Agitée, Québec, QC  
15/03/2014 @ Le Cluster, Lévis, QC  
13/03/2014 @ Fou Bar, Québec, QC  
08/03/2014 @ Bistro Mousse Café, Montréal, QC  
06/03/2014 @ Bar le Magog, Sherbrooke, QC  
16/02/2014 @ Bar Coop l'Agitée, Québec, QC  
22/01/2013 @ Jack Saloon, Québec, QC

30/11/2013 @ Mondial, Montreal, QC  
28/11/2013 @ Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, QC  
25/11/2013 @ Université Laval, Québec, QC  
22/11/2013 @ Aux Fous Brassant, Rivière-du-Loup, QC  
21/11/2013 @ Tête D'Allumette, Saint-André, QC  
13/11/2013 @ Jack Saloon, Québec, QC  
09/11/2013 @ Bar Coop L'Agitée, Québec, QC  
22/06/2013 @ Limoilou en Musique, Québec, QC  
15/06/2013 @ Fête de la Musique de Québec, Québec, QC  
14/05/2013 @ Bar Coop L'Agitée, Québec, QC  
02/05/2013 @ Bal du Léopard, Québec, QC  
25/10/2012 @ Bal du Léopard, Québec, QC  
01/09/2012 @ Le Studio P, Québec, QC  
24/04/2012 @ Chez Chaplin, Cap-Rouge, QC  
29/03/2012 @ St. Lawrence College, Québec, QC  
22/05/2011 @ La Piazz, Québec, QC

## \_\_THE GIFT

08/06/2010 @ The Rainbow, Ottawa, ON  
05/06/2010 @ L'Interlude, Joliette, QC  
04/05/2010 @ La Suite, Quebec City, QC  
29/05/2010 @ L'App-Art, Trois-Rivières, QC  
22/05/2010 @ Club Lions, Escoumins-Bergeronnes, QC  
15/04/2010 @ Pub Saint-Paul, Montreal, QC  
22/01/2010 @ Quai des Brumes, Montreal, QC  
09/01/2010 @ Petit Campus, Montreal, QC  
06/11/2009 @ Cégep du Vieux-Montréal, Montreal, QC  
16/01/2009 @ Zoobizarre, Montreal, QC





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## IN THE PRESS 2019-2020

### \_\_television

- MATv // LeZarts Québec

<https://matv.ca/quebec/mes-emissions/lezarts-quebec/emission-du-28-novembre-2019>

Tanya Beaumont, 28 November 2019

### \_\_radio

- CHYZ 94,3 // Chéri(e) j'arrive ! “Wild” live performance

Émilie Rioux, 27 November 2019

- CKIA 88,3 // Qulture

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/qulture/id1305231122> — 1h14m44s

Julie Rhéaume, 12 December 2019

- WKND // Dalair le matin // Acoustic performance “Wrecking Ball” by Miley Cyrus

Martin Dalair, 17 January 2020





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