

## **Newest Project - "The People We Thought We Knew" EP**

Having formed in 2019, Alex Maes & The Connection has been perfecting their sound to supply the world with a fierce R&B/jazz musical experience that is thoughtful, powerful, and engaging. Their debut EP, "The People We Thought We Knew", explores the nuances in relationships we have with others and ourselves. They traverse over multiple genres using R&B sonics, jazz inflections, and funk rhythms in their performance and production. Recorded by Grammy nominated Brian DiMaio (recording engineer, Terrace Martin), produced (vocals) by Boston Music Awards Producer of the Year '19 Sean McLaughlin, and mastered by Grammy nominated Jonathan Wyner, their debut EP is prepared to take the industry by storm.

## **Bio**

Having formed in 2019, Alex Maes & The Connection has been perfecting their sound to supply the world with a fierce R&B/Jazz musical experience that is thoughtful, powerful, and engaging. Alex Maes (Lead singer) writes with an energy that grabs your attention while the band executes a powerful rhythmic foundation for the melody to coast over. Together they have built a sound that traverses over R&B/Soul, Jazz, and Rock to compose something unique.

Alex Maes began performing and singing original material as far back as middle school, and continued to do so well into college learning how to compose more meaningful songs, deliver more emotional vocal performances, and produce more elevated arrangements. Alex sought after musicians who could bring something new and exciting to her music, and landed on musicians Warren Pettey (keys/piano), Kevin Barber (bass), and Francisco Morales (drums). The Connection established themselves as a versatile trio that could elevate any song, but after performing and playing Alex's music they realized they had created a unique sound, so with Alex they decided to formally call themselves Alex Maes & The Connection. Together they have graced the stages of Rockwood Music Hall, The Narrows, and Boston City Plaza. Additionally, they have been nominated for awards in New England Music Awards 2021 (Best R&B/Soul Nominee) and New England Last Band Standing Competition 2022 (Finalists) for their lyrics, music, and engaging performances.

When listening to their music you can feel the energy they bounce off of each other. Their bond as individuals and as musicians is evident by their cohesive grooves and innate ability to anticipate each other's ideas when performing. Set to debut their first EP as a group in 2023, Alex Maes & The Connection are ready to invite listeners to connect with them as they embark on a long musical voyage.