

listen to the BEAT

Juni Thurston explains how producing music has become her passion and her goal for the future.

Juni has always loved music, and wanted to try out creating music for herself. "I was listening to some electronic artists I liked and realized that there's nothing stopping me from learning how to make music," Juni said. Many people listen to music their whole lives but are unfamiliar with the process that goes along with creating music. Juni, however, decided to begin experimenting with producing music two years ago.

At first, she started working with music for fun, as a hobby, and then she slowly realized it could turn into more than that.

"I wasn't very good at first, as most people are when starting out with a new hobby, but I just kept working on things because it was fun, and eventually it was good enough to gain an audience," Juni said.

The production process is far from simple, but what makes it easier for Juni is that she can pick up her laptop whenever and

work on a project. She works and perfects until she feels the song is ready.

"It's definitely a nice feeling to finish a song you've been working on for a while, especially because about 90% of the projects I start go unfinished," Juni said.

Some of the songs she produces are slow and ambient, but others are fast and electronic. Almost all of her songs do not have lyrics either, so the meaning is ambiguous, yet she is still able to express her emotions throughout each song.

Music is an outlet and a form of self expression to many people, but Juni is hoping to take her love for music to the next level in the future. She does not have set goals in terms of streamers and listeners, but she is trying to branch out in terms of genres of music and going out of her comfort zone.

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IN HER ELEMENT Juni is playing the drums, recording and producing. This is a long, tedious process filled with trial and error. Regardless, she was not afraid to try something new and challenge herself. "I was listening to some electronic artists I liked and realized that there's nothing stopping me from learning how to make music," Juni said. Juni has been able to continue this passion, getting into more advanced producing as she gets better. Juni is grateful she gave it a shot and found a hobby she loves.
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