Jamar Rogers—“The Voice” Contestant With HIV—Releases “Lazarus” [VIDEO]

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America was officially introduced to Jamar Rogers when the HIV-positive singer who was formerly addicted to meth captured our hearts and ears on The Voice in 2012. The following spring, he appeared on the cover of POZ for an article about HIV and substance abuse.

Now, Rogers is reintroducing himself with his debut album, Lazarus.

Rogers told WeAreSensi.com that while making the album, he checked out Native American powwows, met with a Santeria priest, attended Buddhist talks and jammed out to Hindi music. “I’m a pretty spiritual guy,” he said, “so I’ve always been curious as to how different folks connect with the divine.”

Since the name Lazarus carries a heavy religious connotation, Rogers knew he’d be making a spiritual album. “I wanted to remind folks of their divinity and make music that lifted their spirit on bad days,” Rogers said.

Mission accomplished.

The 10-track album opens up with “Baptize Me,” an upbeat song about redemption. The album also features two versions of the ballad “Let Me Treat You,” a sultry version and an even more passionate acoustic version.

Rogers, who has been performing in New York City and Los Angeles, plans on releasing more new music very soon.

“It’s important to me to catch creative momentum,” he said in the interview. “And since I’m creating for me, at the end of the day, I’ll always be happy and fulfilled.”

Lazarus is available now on iTunes, Tidal and Spotify.

To read the 2013 POZ cover story “Recovering Your Life,” click here.

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