

# MUSIC REVIEW: *MAKING MIRRORS*, GOTYE

BY: VICTORIA BANDEROB



We all know the name... Gotye has made it big, thanks to a small band from Burlington called Walk off the Earth. I'm sure everyone has seen the viral video of the 5 members each doing their own thing on one guitar... pretty impressive right? And most people have even gone to the original, and listened to Gotye's *Somebody that I Used to know*. Now, it's time people look beyond the fad and take time to listen to his whole album, and see all the sides to the talented Aussie, Gotye.

Gotye (pronounced go-tea-yay, gautier), a Belgium-born Aussie released his third album, *Making Mirrors* in 2011, and reached number one on the Australian album chart. This album deserves all the credit it gets, with its eclectic sounds, unique beats and haunting voice. Gotye's (real name Wally) voice just echos through your head, leaving chills and a lasting impression. His voice singing lyrics that have meaning, far beyond the cliché love stories, leaves you wanting more. *In your light* and *I Feel Better* are songs everyone can relate to; when those great days come around and you feel like you're on top of the world. These songs are the perfect Sunday morning jams to start your day on a high note. There are also more mellow songs like *Giving me a chance*, *Save me* and *Bronte* that are a great addition to my study playlist! Gotye definitely shows his unique sound with the songs *Easy way Out*, *Eyes wide Open* and *State of the Art*. These songs use a profusion of instruments, filling the songs with vibrancy, and punch. *State of the Art* is aptly named, as it is a very "state of the art" song, using synthesizers, electronic sounds and heavy drumbeat, leaving you a little confused but extremely intrigued.

Although Gotye's voice can be compared to Peter Gabriel and Sting, this album stands alone. *Making Mirrors* can only be compared to a piece of art that is unique and modern, yet classic at the same time. I recommend you spend a few bucks on this album; the variety will leave you filling everyone of your playlists with a song, and probably hitting the replay button more than a few times.



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## THE ODDS ARE EVER IN THE FAVOUR OF THE HUNGER GAMES

BY: Barbara Cieniawski



Having been one of the many teens who rushed to see this spectacular movie, *The Hunger Games*, I am in no doubt to say that I recommend this movie for all teenagers and adults. And here's why.

After reading the novel, I entered the movie theatre with high hopes and high standards, especially for actress, Jennifer Lawrence who starred as the archer-heroine, Katniss Everdeen. In spite of that, she exceeded my standards and proved to me her ability to carry the character's strength and independence throughout the entire movie. And it doesn't stop there. Characters, Peeta Mellark and Gale Hawthorne are brilliantly played by Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth, which every girl is raving about. Between these three characters is a love triangle, leaving the audience to debate over which boy Katniss should choose. Are you Team Peeta? Or Team Gale?

The only issues I had with the movie was how Katniss came into possession of the mocking jay pin because in the novel the daughter of Panem's Major, Madge gives Katniss the pin as a sort of gift from her district, but in the movie Katniss gets it from the Hob for free. Although this is insignificant I would have enjoyed seeing this scene in the movie. I enjoyed the action pact scenes in the film as they kept me on the edge of my seat and nearly dying of a heart attack (when the wolf jumps out). Some people are surprised that the character, Rue has dark skin in the movie, and others have been making many rude and racist comments. Here is what I say to that, Rue was played by a spectacular actress who emulated all of the character's sweet innocence and cleverness and yes she is described to have dark eyes, hair and skin, so why are people surprised? Overall, the movie portrayed the novel quite well (which rarely happens), scoring points for flawless portrayal of the characters and the oddness of the futuristic society of the Capitol. Scoring a total of 5 flaming stars.

I hope everyone goes to see the Hunger Games and may the odds be ever in your favour!

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## BOOK REVIEW: *DIVERGENT*

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BY: SHAINÉ SCREPNEK

Divergent is a beautifully written dystopian novel that takes place in a post-apocalyptic future where a new city has risen from the ashes of war. After much argument over how to run their city, it was decided that everyone would split up into five different groups called factions. Factions are based on personality and beliefs. The factions are: Amity (peacefulness), Candor (honesty), Abnegation (selflessness), Dauntless (bravery), and Erudite (intelligence). At the age of 16, citizens are responsible to choose which faction to live in for the rest of their life. They choose their future. 16 year old Beatrice is faced with the decision of staying with her family in Abnegation or choosing a new faction. But, while in her aptitude test to determine possibilities for her faction, she learns a secret; a secret that she can't reveal to anyone, because it would mean death.

Personally, I absolutely loved this book. It is definitely a read for anyone who is interested in books like the Hunger Games. One thing I love about this book is that readers can easily form connections with all the characters and quickly find out who has good and bad intentions, but there are still character twists that shock you. This book also plays on curiosity. Right at the beginning, Beatrice tells us that she is only allowed to look at her reflection in a mirror once every three months. Of course, readers want to know why, which makes this book impossible to put down.



This book keeps you in constant suspense. There are risky turns for Beatrice through the whole novel and she is constantly trying to find herself, which makes you wonder who she really is too. I love this character because she is strong and courageous, much like Katniss Everdeen; but there are still characters that are far more powerful than she is and characters she has to avoid. Surprises pop up everywhere and it's difficult to guess what will happen next. This novel is packed with action, so it's hard to find a place where you can actually stop reading. Right from the beginning, all the way to the end, Divergent is stimulating.

Divergent has something for everyone. Action, suspense, and yes - romance; all qualities that made the Hunger Games so popular. All in all, this book will have you hooked. And for anyone who has already read Divergent and is a fan, the second book, Insurgent, is to come in May.



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## LOCAL MUSIC, SUPPORT YOUR SCENE

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BY: JOEY ULMER

In a school as large as St. Mary's, with many diverse interests and groups, there is one proud passion that will unite us all. We love music. Whether it is the strong lineup we cheer for at every assembly, the teachers and students who will support a fundraiser by performing around the school, or how, for one amazing night every semester, we can completely fill the cafe for the semi-annual coffee house, it's easy to see how much we bond as a school community through music.

Which is why I have to wonder why we don't see more students out in the local community, supporting the 519 area's finest musicians? A lot of us will support a friend who's in a band or plays an acoustic set, but few of us will actually go out to a local show, or get seriously invested in an act unless it's someone we know, which is rather unfortunate, because local music shows are possibly one of the best places for people of our age bracket to get together.

As a fervent supporter of local music, I know first hand what a great sense of community there is among the people surrounding the scene, and they are among the most well behaved group of kids you will ever meet. Recently I have been inviting several of my friends to these shows and every time, they are blown away by what they see. Not just in the great music, but also in the energy these small-town acts bring to the stage, and the overwhelming support from the audience. It always amazes them to see the vibrant musical community that exists right in their backyard.

Recently though, there have been some setbacks for the community. A favourite local spot, the 515 concert club, closed its doors last February, and event organizers are turning to smaller venues to host their shows. I feel that this community, which has always made me feel at home, deserves much greater recognition than it receives, and that many St. Mary's students aren't as interested in what happens in the KW area as they should be. So I encourage every person who reads this article go out to a local music night, and have a look at a small fraction of what the region can offer. I guarantee you won't be disappointed. We all love music, so we can all come together as a community.



*The final show at the 515 Concert club, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.*



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# HUNGRY FOR A GOOD MOVIE?

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BY: NATHANIEL CARR

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, the much anticipated movie version of Suzanne Collins' *The Hunger Games* came out. *The Hunger Games* is a book about a civilization of districts of North America that live in fear of the government; meanwhile the government lives in the lap of luxury in "The Capitol". Unlike many movies based on books, a movie-goer who has never even heard of the book can fully enjoy the movie.

In the book, each year, one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen from each district must participate in the "Hunger Games". This is a horrifying bloodbath in which the children must murder each other to survive and hopefully be the last child standing. The story focuses on a girl named Katniss Everdeen from District 12 and her struggle to survive the Hunger Games.

While the movie was a very good interpretation of the book, there were minimal changes, only the largest of which will be listed.

Some notable changes are:

## **The way that Katniss received her Mockingjay Pin**

In the book, Katniss receives her pin from her acquaintance, the mayor's daughter, Madge. In the movie, Katniss originally gets the pin as a gift for her younger sister, Prim, who gives the pin back to Katniss for luck.

## **Katniss and Peeta Holding Hands**

In the book, Katniss and Peeta's stylist, Cinna tells them to appear to the public holding hands. This gives us an idea of just how much Cinna cares about giving them the best appeal to The Capitol. In the movie, their holding hands is Peeta's idea.

## **President Snow's Dialogue with Seneca Crane**

In the book, President Snow barely speaks. In the movie, President Snow appears to be the "villain" with his dialogue with Seneca Crane about too much hope for the country being a bad thing.

## **The Mockingjay Pin in the Hunger Games**

In the book, the government allows Katniss to take her mockingjay pin into the Hunger Games. In the movie, Cinna, Katniss' stylist, smuggles the pin in.

## **Katniss Finds Water**

In the book, Katniss doesn't find any water for a day in the arena, and she asks Haymitch, her mentor, to send her water. When he doesn't, she knows that there is water nearby. In the movie, Katniss finds water immediately.

## **We See the Gamemakers**

In the book, no scenes focus on the gamemakers. In the movie, the gamemakers are seen often, reacting to the actions of the children in the arena.

## **Rue's Death**

In the book, a boy from district 1 spears Rue while trapped in a net. In the book, Katniss frees Rue, and then she is killed by an incoming spear.

## **District 11's Response to Rue's Death**

In the book, District 11 sends Katniss bread as a response to her kindness to Rue. In the movie, after Rue's death, District 11 has an open revolt against the Capitol.

## **Katniss Drugs Peeta**

In the book, Katniss receives a sleeping potion that she drugs Peeta with, so that she can go to get him medicine. In the movie, Katniss leaves after Peeta goes to sleep.

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# YOU PICK HITS: A NEW GENERATION OF MUSIC

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BY: ASHARA MEIDELL

Think about all the music in the world today; infinite numbers of songs by billions of artists all over the planet. But even with the extensive amount of music out there, we as listeners only hear a very small portion. Not only that, but a large amount the music we hear is what the record labels think we want to hear. Sure we get to pick which songs we listen to from the big time singers and bands, but what about all the rest? Do we really have say in the music we listen to? Or are we just given a few options mostly based on the popularity level of the artist creating it? Well, now is your chance to have your voice heard. **You Pick Hits** is a revolutionary new concept that allows the most important people in the music industry to voice their opinions. Now fans, you and me, have the chance to go and vote on which popular artist you would most like to sing new, and original songs created by the fans.

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## CURRENT TOP 10 SONGS IN CANADA

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- 1) **Wild Ones**- Flo Rida & Sia
- 2) **We are Young**- Fun & Janelle Monae
- 3) **Somebody That I Used Know**- Gotye & Kimbra
- 4) **Glad you Came**- Wanted
- 5) **Starships**- Nicki Minaj
- 6) **What Makes you Beautiful**- One Direction
- 7) **Call me Maybe**- Carly Rae Jepsen
- 8) **Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)**- Kelly Clarkson
- 9) **Drive by**- Train
- 10) **Part of me**- Katy Perry

