

ODREII BIO

Born and raised in Montreal, French Canadian/Jamaican singer-songwriter, Odreii grew up in a very musical environment. With a father being the lead singer of a roots and reggae band, an aunt and uncle who played in a French Heavy metal band, and a mother who played the best of Stevie Wonder, Tracy Chapman, and Bob Marley day in day out throughout her childhood, Odreii got all the inspiration she needed to create her own world.

Odreii grew up speaking French, English and Spanish, but quickly developed a passion for learning languages like Russian, Chinese, Italian and German. In 2015 she won 5th place at the Eason Live singing contest for singing in Chinese (Mandarin), a song from one of China's greatest artists **Eason Chan**.

While living in the UK with her father, Odreii taught herself to play guitar so she could perform her original compositions in pubs around London. The first song she recorded was "Keep Smiling", which yielded her a music scholarship at Tech Music School (**BIMM**) in 2011 after winning 1st Place at the prestigious **The Stage** UK vocal competition.

In 2013, she won 1st Place at the AppleBeam songwriting competition and received a nomination for **Best UKSC Pop Written Song** with "Wondering".

In 2014, Odreii won **1st Place at the EDA UKSC** songwriting competition and, the following year she wrote "Tell Me You Love Me" under previous artist name Elle Ray which reached **#1 on Soundcloud's Hot and New chart**. It played on **95.7 Hits FM**, was selected for **Victoria Secret's** Spotify playlists, and played on **MTV** in the USA.

In 2016, while working on new music, Odreii supported Naadei around Canada as a backup vocalist and guitarist. Some of those performances included **Osheaga Presents**, **MURAL Festival**, **House of Paint festival** in Ottawa, and **Festival des Mongolfieres**, where they both opened for **Wyclef Jean**.

In 2017, her acoustic song "Always Been You" received a nomination for New **PLAY VRAK** Discovery and was aired live on **TVA** during a MATV series. The saga continued in 2018, where she performed at **SXSW** with Naadei.

She released her first acoustic single entitled Gold for Water alongside an upbeat version of the song produced by the Montreal production duo Neowide. The song got support from **Justin Timberlake's** dancer Codie Wiggins and female dance crew C4 known as the 2017 **World Hip Hop Dance Champions** in the Adult Division.

Odreii released her first EP "Runs In Me Blood" on May 3, 2019 distributed by Higher Reign Music Group / **Sony Music Canada**. The project, funded by **FACTOR** and the government of Canada, showcased a mixture of Caribbean and urban sounds while introducing Odreii as a singer-songwriter.

The single of the EP also called "Runs In Mi Blood" produced by Soke from **Banx & Ranx** spent more than 42 weeks on the chart of one of the city's most listened to radio station **The Beat 92.5 FM (DBS)** peaking at **#5** on their **Canadian Hit 20 chart** and **#23** on their **Montreal Top 40 chart**. The song also

peeked at #3 on **PalmarèsADISQ**'s chart, featuring the most played tracks on Quebec's english radio stations.

After performing more than 20 shows throughout the summer of 2019, which included Montreal's renowned music festival **POP MONTREAL**, Ottawa's **Latin festival SONIDO** and Toronto's Artist showcase **The Hustle**, Odreii released "Go Solo", a new single in collaboration with **DJ Kleancut** released on March 20, 2020 with a music video.

Prior to COVID19, you could have caught her playing with a band or rocking the stage solo with her guitar during the scheduled shows for summer 2020. Before everything happened, Odreii was confirmed to perform at **METRO METRO Festival**, **Canadian Music Week** in Toronto, **MIDEM** in Cannes, followed by showcases in Paris and London, which were all postponed until next year.