

The American singer-songwriter and pianist [Micah Sheveloff](#) "Someone There For Me" released the first single from his upcoming album "Don't You Wonder". The work, the one on 15. January 2027 is to be released, based on a long-standing creative connection: The song was created in collaboration with Extreme frontman Gary Cherone.

A friendship since the 1980s

The roots of the common piece go far back. Already around 1984 learned [Micah Sheveloff](#) and know Gary Cherone in the music scene of Boston. While Cherone later became world-famous as the singer of the rock band Extreme, Sheveloff took a path that was characterized by classical piano training and various studio works between pop, country, rock and metal. The contact between the two musicians never broke down over the decades.

In the fall of 2024, Cherone finally got back in touch with Sheveloff and presented him with the idea of a title in the style of the American Songbook. Cherone had been carrying the demo recording of a lively, jazzy song for years and finally wanted to record the piece professionally. Originally, it was planned to record the song together with jazz musicians, with whom Sheveloff had worked in the past. However, since Cherone was timed by the tour to the Extreme album "SIX", the recordings were delayed.

Sheveloff took advantage of the wait and began to develop his own arrangement idea for the piece. He adjusted the tempo, tailored the vocal tune to his own voice and added a bridge with multi-layered vocal harmonies. Cherone was as enthusiastic about the new version as it was of the original design.

Jazz tradition and tragic background

In addition to Gary Cherone, Benny Golbin is also responsible as co-author of the song. The esteemed jazz composer and music teacher from Los Angeles tragically died in a traffic accident as a result of illegal road racing. His family then launched the Benny Golbin Foundation, which collects donations to enable children to share musical instruments and instruction. Musically, "Someone There For Me" is also enriched by the jazz guitarist Nate Najar, who gives the recording additional timbres.

With regard to cooperation, Sheveloff attaches great importance to realistically classifying the dynamics between him and the extreme singer.

"It is important to me that we talk about my relationship with Gary as it really is: a friendship that has developed through artistic similarities and finally led to a collaboration later in life." -

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Looking back on the beginnings of this connection, the musician also emphasizes how influential the exchange was for his own work.

"I was young at the time and had much more experience with classical piano and choir than with rock 'n' roll. However, Gary has a real appreciation for a wide range of styles and genres. That's exactly what helped me break down boundaries and write completely free of false drawers or constraints." - [Micah Sheveloff](#)

An album full of multi-layered influences

The song "Someone There For Me" fits into the album "Don't You Wonder" as one of a total of twelve tracks. In addition to pieces such as "City Bus" and "Tranquility", the record is characterized by a wide range of musical influences. Sheveloff cites inspiration from Lyle Lovett and Herbie Hancock to David Baerwald to Cheap Trick and Brian Wilson.

Sheveloff grew up in the US state of Massachusetts and now lives in the Florida Saint Petersburg. He describes his musical handwriting as an unusual mixture of different eras and genres.

"My songs are like a breakfast hash from memories of Bartók and the Beatles, 70s pop and a note Stravinsky. I write music that is accessible, but at the same time has subtle complexity and captivating, dark intermediate tones."

[Micah Sheveloff](#) Sheveloff's work has also been met with recognition in the music press and among colleagues for years. New York guitarist Marc Shulman described him as a musician with deep roots and an enormous musical vocabulary. Critics regularly praise his pictorial lyrics, which tell vivid stories, as well as his memorable singing voice. With "Someone There For Me" the musician now gives a first taste of his next work.