

# My life without music would be like a party without people

*Max Angeles about the fascinating world of music*

*What does it feel like to have **your** own songs on Spotify and YouTube **being** only 19 years old, to play them in front of hundreds of people and live a normal teenage life all at the same time?*

*In the following interview I asked Max Angeles those and many other **questions**. There are answers waiting that will make you get lost in your deepest thoughts and others that are going to make you giggle. So grab some cookies, a cup of hot chocolate, some cozy blankets etc. and let's dive into the fascinating world of music.*

## **What do you love most about making music?**

Max: The fact that I can influence **people's** feelings with my music, making them get lost in their thoughts, happy or even sad – it's a way to **touch** their hearts. I am fascinated that music is able to bring people together, for example when I play **one** of my songs at a **houseparty** and the crowd starts to sing along. When my friends tell me, they really enjoyed a specific song of mine and listening to it made them happy, it reassures me in my dream and motivates me a lot. With music you can reach **people's** hearts and that power catches me off guard every time.

## **Complete the sentence: My life without music would be like...**

Max: A party without people. Food, drinks, smoke machine, light-effects, DJ – everything is there, but the people are missing.

## **How did you come up with Hübsch mit P?**

Max: Soooooo: Stefanie (yes, the one and only Stefanie from „Das ist Stefanie“ and „Ach Stefanie“) got a shirt from a friend of hers on her 17th **birthday**. The print said : „Ich bin eine starke, intelligente, emanzipierte, schlaue, unabhängige hübsche **junge** Frau.“ and there hübsch was written with a P, **which at that** moment was extremely **embarrassing** for her friend. But I thought that this writing mistake was **incredibly sweet** and funny! **One** year later **at** her birthday, Stefanie received „Das ist Stefanie“ from me and about **two** years later I uploaded „Hübsch mit P“. I am thrilled to see what my **friends** will inspire in the future. :)

## **What does it feel like to have your own songs on Spotify and how did that happen?**

Max: The basic thought was the same as with YouTube in the past, to make my music available for more people and **increase** my popularity. These days most people listen to their music on Spotify or other streaming services, so I informed myself and found out how I could release my songs on Spotify. It definitely feels amazing. :)

***What advice would you give to other young musicians?***

Max: I would tell other young musicians, no matter what kind of music they make, to keep working on it. I know that's easier said than done. But looking back **one** day you will never regret it, if you kept on playing an instrument, singing in a choir or working on your own songs. Consistency.

***What do you do against stage fright right before a big performance?***

Max: I am trying to look forward to it, get focused on feeling the music – just getting lost in it. That always works :)

***You seem incredibly confident, do you have **some** or more tips, on how to build your confidence?***

Max: Oh, **thanks** a lot, I am happy to hear that :) You have to accept yourself the way you are, liking, loving yourself, with all your flaws and imperfections, you will immediately seem more confident. And after all (especially in my case with music) I know: basically I make music, because it brings me joy, so the most important thing is that I like it. If other people like my songs, it makes me incredibly happy, reassures and motivates me of course. You have to believe in your goals and dreams and keep working on them with consistency. Loving yourself and believing in **yourself**. This has nothing to do with arrogance, it's a healthy dose of believe in yourself and your **abilities**. Arrogance begins at the point where you put other people down to make yourself feel better. ***Were you scared that people, friends or even family members could make fun of your songs, when you first started posting them on YouTube?***

Max: At first I was defiantly scared of the **fact** that not everybody was going to like my music or that one **video or song** would not be enjoyed by anyone. That risk will always exist. But when that fear creeps up on me again, **I** always remind myself that I make music because I enjoy it. And if someone does not like my music I don't have to let it get to me, because you can't argue about taste. But luckily for now neither friends nor family members have made fun of my songs or videos. I love my music, **which** means if someone makes fun of it, I stand by my music and the videos I produced in the past. And at last if someone wants to make fun of me for making music, they should do it better first :)

***Do you have a **philosophy** that you live your life by and if you do, **which** one is it?***

Max: In the past, I mean a really really long **time** ago, I always announced that the **philosophy** I live by is YOLO. You Only Live Once, that's why you have to do something amazing with the short live you are given, fight for your dreams and goals and if something does go wrong, learn from your mistakes. Now I would add a deep level of gratitude, for the fact that my life is the **way it is**, that I am even alive. And from that gratitude, I try to get everything out of my life, to give my all and most importantly to be loving and kind towards other people.

Lilly Peter

***If the interview got you interested here are some links for you to dig **through**.***

*Max Angeles on Spotify*

[https://open.spotify.com/artist/6cF63jt6XIXOYz9w4uAIYq?si=WvhptTg6SAasDh6rde7Q7Q&dl\\_branch=1](https://open.spotify.com/artist/6cF63jt6XIXOYz9w4uAIYq?si=WvhptTg6SAasDh6rde7Q7Q&dl_branch=1)

*Max Angeles on Instagram*

<https://www.instagram.com/maxoangeles/>

*Max Angeles on Youtube*

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPhd\\_hRlvlmhkhN-7llsnXw/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPhd_hRlvlmhkhN-7llsnXw/featured)

*song „Hüpsch mit P“*

<https://open.spotify.com/track/4tnh4aoRrjDPSFV0RiaPyo?si=d0354aabb9bb48ed> (Spotify)

*song „Vielleicht (Coronasong 2.0)“*

<https://open.spotify.com/track/7moqdTDiphdqJmPTCVLhj?si=2bf70600a0d049d2> (Spotify)

*song “Platz für zwei“*

<https://youtu.be/dRqv3LMkkUY> (Youtube)

*song „Bauchfreie Hoodies“*

<https://youtu.be/9fUtFsPiOIQ> (Youtube)

<https://open.spotify.com/track/5vBywTV9l9lh8flsuqwkIT?si=00df8a8312fa4365> (Spotify)

*song „Das ist Stefanie“*

<https://youtu.be/UkcwPt-20-U> (Youtube)

<https://open.spotify.com/track/7u5Pl6b65j0bcGEih8POAk?si=68a37f4745034796> (Spotify)

*song „Hallo, ich bin der Max“*

<https://youtu.be/3xsbVpGORZA> (Youtube)

<https://open.spotify.com/track/43jI0DwArbPYeVBwRhbuoj?si=18ca30f71eff4c9b> (Spotify)

*song „Ach Stefanie“*

<https://youtu.be/CemIcOG-dUE> (Youtube)

<https://open.spotify.com/track/6xl6TEDQRyzq8p1GJBmCCd?si=3c7add2839314b76> (Spotify)

*song „Das Mädchen in der Bankreihe vor mir“*

<https://youtu.be/U784-gaFQNA> (Youtube)

<https://open.spotify.com/track/4n5TefjBPmnEt1wZuh0edc?si=cdb4c82ff51d440b> (Spotify)