

BIOGRAPH

From the East African genocides of Idi Amin to sexual persecution in the United States, activist-songwriter Amrit Kohli has experienced lifetimes of conflict in the mere decades under his belt. Seeking refuge in a new country as a child then becoming entangled in the battle for personal freedom as an adult would galvanize anyone to use their voice for the betterment of humankind.

Amrit's music comes across as a harsh exhortation for revolution enveloped in a soothing psychedelic bath. Just like the life he has led, Amrit's songs come through the lens of a duality marked by keeping an internal blissful innocence in the midst of external strife and corruption.

Never one to shy from political discourse, Amrit has actively participated in American politics, rallying his fans to join together for a peaceful planet. As a performer, he considers himself a folk populist and strives to create music that will find new meaning with every new generation of listeners from around the world. Just as his own experience witnessing and meeting the great Ani DiFranco funneled his social and political mission into music, Amrit hopes to cause such an effect on future activists and anyone who feels powerless in the face of injustice.

"I make music because it gives me a voice. I have been denied a voice all my life...I've done so many things, written to so many people, said so much... I don't know what impact it's all had, but I know it's done something positive in the end."

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[Amrit's] music is more than just entertainment; it's a call to action, a rallying cry for change in a world that often feels resistant to it. Kohli's personal journey, marked by adversity and perseverance, infuses every note with authenticity and urgency. From his humble beginnings in Berkeley to his emergence as a voice for the marginalized, Kohli's music resonates with the power of lived experience.

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"Through haunting melodies and carefully crafted lyrics, Kohli reflects on pivotal moments that shape our understanding of the world and ourselves. His music invites listeners to consider their own experiences of change and how these moments influence their identity."

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"The track, "Crucify Me," is a bold reimagining of Jesus Christ's perspective. In this song, Jesus questions the motives of those who betrayed him and addresses the myth that he is humanity's savior. Instead, Kohli's Jesus asserts, "I don't need nobody save me; and I really don't want to be saving you; all I really want to know is that my reason to live is bigger than you." This powerful message highlights a central theme in Kohli's music and personal philosophy: the belief that individuals must save themselves."

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THE DAILY SCANNER

"Amrit Kohli's dedication to social justice and his support for the Palestinian cause have made him a respected figure among activists. His music and activism are deeply intertwined, using his platform to spread messages of peace, unity, and justice."

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Amrit Kohli is more than an artist. He is also a longtime activist, advocating for issues such as LGBTQ rights and for the war and genocide to end in Palestine. He is also the creator of Queer Folk, Inc.







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