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In the first half of 2022, I conceived and completed "My Life" electronic music album. As the name suggests, I put all my understanding of life into this 30-minute, 10-piece album. It has both difficult moments in my life and freestyle that I "forced" my friends to record. The song I wrote called "I Love You" was dedicated to my junior high school classmate who just got married this summer. I wrote down his love story as lyrics, completed with drums and electric piano tracks. I composed and arranged music with Logic Pro, recorded and mixed it myself, and turned it into a finished work. Its cover was photographed by Zhang Yimiao, my best friend.

In the second half of 2022, I named my graduation performance "Evolving". Because I realized that my understanding and preferences for music have been changing as I explore it. I am genuinely proud of how far I have gone. But at the same time, my music will not stop evolving just because I graduate. I believe that my music and I as a person will keep evolving into new species. The graduation performance tracks include my moderation album "Future Progressive", which I completed in the winter of 2021, "My Life" and singles that I collaborated with other Bard musicians that were not included on the album. For the final show, I also experimented with visualizing my music through a laser show. Its success gave me confidence to continue exploring the possibilities of live music. The senior concert poster was photographed by Yibai Shen.

"My Life", Cover art photographed by Yimiao Zhang https://soundcloud.com/user-856985617/sets/my-life





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