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## PREMIERE: ROSS LYNCH'S R5 RELEASES "HURTS GOOD"

One of TV's brightest young stars, Ross Lynch is also a bona fide musician. V is exclusively premiering his latest song with his band R5, "Hurts Good."

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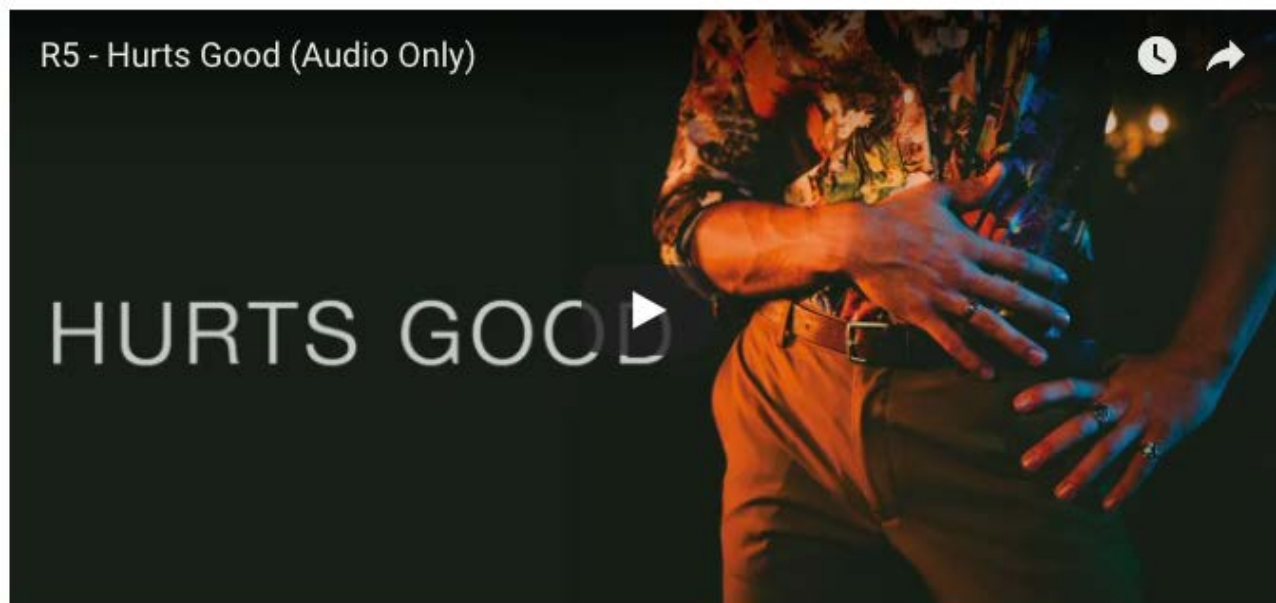
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Jeffrey Dahmer is about as far from the Disney Channel as you can get, but Ross Lynch doesn't really feel like it's a transitional phase for him. "It definitely is in a sense, because I'm not doing as much of the teen stuff, but for me, it's small steps," says the 21-year-old actor/singer. Regardless, *My Friend Dahmer*—adapted from the comic book by Derf—is definitely a departure for Lynch. His portrayal of Dahmer is spot-on, but Lynch knows that the subject matter is touchy. "The first thing I want to say is: In no way are we celebrating serial killers at all," he asserts. Nor is it lost on Lynch that he's a spitting image of the murderer. "I'm kind of happy that I look like him because that's part of the reason I got the part," he notes.



ROSS WEARS JACKET HUGO BOSS BOW TIE AND SHIRT TOM FORD RINGS CHROME HEARTS

R5—the band he sings in with his three siblings and a family friend—is also maturing. They just put out their seventh release, an EP called *New Addictions* that touches on more grown-up material. But he's putting his heart into acting for now. He'll also star in *Status Update* alongside Olivia Holt and his girlfriend, actress Courtney Eaton. "It's not actually sold yet," he relates. "It's the producers and writer of *17 Again*. So basically take Zac Efron out and put me in. And it turned out great."



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