

G Flip wants to show you their big ol' hammer

ELLA GAUCI sits down with the Aussie superstar (aka "Butch Springsteen") to talk Chrishell, new music and queer joy

Sweaty queers dance around oily cars. Tank tops and tool belts never looked so mesmerising. Shannon Beveridge, Jacqueline Toboni and Kath Ebbs all groove around Australian superstar G Flip, as they thrust to the lyrics of their new "queer anthem" Big Ol' Hammer. Just when the music video couldn't get any more gloriously gay, comedian Fortune Feimster interrupts the impromptu Grease Lightning tribute to deliver one iconic line: "There's three motorbikes in the back. You think these dykes are going to ride themselves?"

G Flip shows me the music video the day before its release, and we both can't help laughing out loud. We're chatting in an office in central London just days after their performance at Mighty Hoopla. I've spoken to G Flip on Zoom before, but nothing quite prepared me for how much effortless swagger they embody. With a strong Aussie accent, they tell me excitedly how much they enjoyed playing the Brockwell Park stage. "It was fucking incredible. I had the best time," G Flip says, before sharing that the crowd had actually made them cry by their sheer magnitude.

The singer-songwriter, drummer and producer extraordinaire has been bringing us hits since they released *About You* in 2018. They've now released two studio albums, travelled the world and got married to Selling Sunset's Chrishell Stause. After the release of their album *DRUMMER* in 2023, G Flip shares that their new music is taking their sound into fresh realms. For some people, showcasing a different sound to the world might be quite scary. But G Flip's Aussie chill has been taking them through this new process: "I don't really have nerves about it because I feel so good about the tracks."

As a self-proclaimed "music nerd", it's clear how central their love of

music is to everything they do, whether they're focusing on drum patterns or creating the perfect crowd pleaser. When announcing their upcoming eighties-inspired album *Dream Ride*, G Flip released a statement saying that in this record they will be channelling "Butch Springsteen, the masc lesbian, non-binary, drumming, singing pop star that never existed". They tell me that the album includes emotional tracks too. "There are sad songs about loss. There are love songs about my sweet darling Chrishell as well. There's songs about sex. There's light and shade."

Speaking of "darling Chrishell", I can't resist asking if the couple have chosen their Halloween costume yet this year. The pair have made quite the name for themselves with their iconic partner costumes, including an homage to Troye Sivan's *One Of Your Girls* music video. When asked about this year's costume, G Flip goes into depth about how they decide who wears what. "It's the only time you'll see me dress feminine in the year. I even wear a thong."

To the delight of many, the couple have showcased their love openly, something which G Flip explains has never really phased them. "She's on reality TV, you fucking know everything!" they laugh. "Our



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Outside of music, G Flip admits that they are a huge "sports gay". They'll even wake up at 3am when on tour to watch their favourite team, the Collingwood Magpies, play. G Flip also excitedly tells me that their sister has just had a baby, and they're enjoying being what they've coined an "Aunkie". "I haven't really had many little humans in my life, so it's been really fun."

Right now, we could all do with some queer joy and G Flip hopes that moments like their *Mighty Hoopla* performance and upbeat music videos provide just that. "It's so important to preserve those moments of queer joy," they tell me. "Now more than ever, the queer community is coming together, which is so beautiful in such a horrible landscape of what's going on in the world."

From their laid-back attitude to their electric sets on stage, G Flip is a rockstar through and through. It's no wonder they've garnered such a following. For the non-binary community especially, G Flip is showing that you can be your authentic self and not only survive, but totally fucking thrive. When speaking about their meet-and-greets, G Flip gets candid about the impact on their fans. "I'm often crying with some of the people that I meet," G Flip shares. "For people in the trans or non-binary community, not everyone's had the easiest road. When they share their stories, I feel it very deeply and heavily. We're often crying into each other's arms. They've inspired me and I've inspired them."

There's no stopping the Aussie superstar from continuing to climb through stardom. What's next? "I want to play more festivals in the UK. I want to do a late night show too. There's so much to do." While the glitz and glamour of life on the road is definitely something G Flip aspires to, it's clear that making music will always be at the heart of what they do. "I just fucking love music." **D**



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