



**Access Music** is a series that aims to provide talented emerging musicians with a space to share original scores and songwriting with those who relate to music as essential and energizing. The ambience is relaxed, intimate, so that the musical connect is immediate, meaningful and inclusive. Presented in collaboration with Unwind Centre, this series which is all about access to and through music, places creativity and musical prowess centre stage even while recognizing the power of the arts as a critical enabler, to foster inclusion and reflection to change hearts and minds.

### **Artist: Elvis Xaviour**

Genre: Singer / Songwriter

**Elvis Xaviour** is a singer-songwriter, guitar player and vocalist of the band 'Wayside'. Born in Kerala, Xaviour moved to Chennai four years ago and has just completed his Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Xaviour starting writing songs from his first year at college. John Mayer is major influence in terms of songwriting and he is extremely fond of instrumental music featuring percussive and fingerstyle guitar players. He is an avid fan of and keeps abreast with jazz, pop and country trends and with the whole spectrum of rock. Acknowledging that he is 'wired a little differently' he says that he is not distracted by what is popular or what the current hits are, preferring instead to devote his time to honing his craft.

Xavier's songs are mostly about feelings with loneliness and love topping the list in terms of subject matter. Yet, there are glimpses of happiness and undeniable hope in his compositions.

*Xavier signs off saying - I am only 22 and maybe it's fair to say I don't know what I'm talking about but I guess I'm just trying to speak my truth through these tunes. These songs were written 'for' a special somebody. But now when I look back, I realise all this music is 'because' of that somebody and not 'for', and that's a better way to look at it. I aim to create songs that speak truthfully and resonate with who I am and with the most recent version of myself that I can connect with.*

The AccesMusic series is presented by InKo Centre, in association with Unwind Center, on a bi-monthly basis.



**Unwind Center**, with a track record of over twenty years, has been teaching music including Drums, Guitar, Keyboard and Vocals to young aspirants in Chennai and Bangalore. The Centre runs a DJ Academy and aims to inspire musicians by providing them with a platform to perform their work, interact with their peers and to share their compositions with those musically inclined.

**Thursday, 9 August at 7.00 pm at InKo Centre.**

