

# “FAST CAR”- JONAS BLUE

**Guy James Robin** was born on 2nd August 1989 and is better known by his stage name **Jonas Blue**. He is an English DJ, record producer, songwriter and remixer based in London who produces music which blends dance music with pop characteristics.

In 2015, he released a tropical house cover of "Fast Car". It was his debut single and features the vocals from British singer Dakota. The Club Mix was included on Blue's compilation, *Jonas Blue: Electronic Nature – The Mix 2017*.

In an interview with iHeartRadio, Blue stated, "When I was growing up, it was just a very varied type of music. My dad schooled me on soul, funk, disco, things like that and then my mum was kind of more pop, and ABBA, things like that, Tracy Chapman. So it was a very varied sound growing up, lots of different big acts, and great songwriters. And they all definitely influenced me into what I'm doing today." Regarding "Fast Car", Chapman's original 1988 hit is a favorite of Blue's mother's, who would often play it in the car. "It was always on the radio," he went on to say. "And it just kind of stuck with me. It was that song on the long car journeys, and I loved it."

Regarding Dakota, who provides vocals on the song, Blue said, "I met Dakota with my manager. I had actually finished the instrumental of 'Fast Car', and we were looking for a singer. We just went to this pub for a beer, and this pub is kind of renowned for its new acts and unsigned artists and things like that. So, we're upstairs having a beer and all of a sudden we hear this voice from the basement downstairs of this pub, and I said, 'We've got to go down and check whoever that is up.' We went downstairs and Dakota was there. At the end of the show, I went up to her and said, 'I've done this cover of 'Fast Car' and I think you'd be great on it.' And she said 'Oh, I've never done dance music before or anything like that so, I'm not kind of sure.' And I was like, 'Listen, you'd be great.' And she came the next day to record it, and what you hear on the radio is her coming in the next day after her show to record it."

The Jonas Blue version peaked at number two on the UK Singles Chart, behind Zayn Malik's "Pillowtalk". Its UK peak meant it charted higher than Chapman's original, which peaked at number five on the chart in May 1988 and a position higher upon a re-release in April 2011.

Outside the United Kingdom, the Jonas Blue version reached number one in Australia, and Hungary, whilst also peaking within the top ten in Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, New Zealand and Sweden. In the United States, the Jonas Blue version went to number one on the Dance Club Songs chart.

1. When was Jonas blue born? **Underline one** answer

a. May 12<sup>th</sup> 1988

b. April 30<sup>th</sup> 2011

c. August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1989

d. January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016

2. Jonas Blue's real name is James Guy Robin **Underline 1** answer.

**True**      or      **False**

3. What did he release in 2015? **Find and copy the whole** sentence:

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4. Name 2 different styles of music that influenced Jonas Blue?

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2). \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which two countries did “Fast Car’ reach number one in? **Tick two** answers.

- Hungary
- The Netherlands
- Australia
- Germany

6. What position did “Fast Car” peak at in the UK? **Tick one** answer.

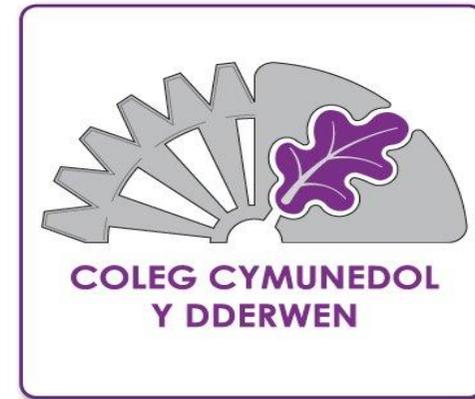
- Number 10
- Number 1
- Number 2

7. Who provided the vocals on “Fast Car”? **Underline 1** correct answers.

**Tracey Chapman**                      **Jonas Blue**                      **Dakota**

8. Which song was number one in the charts when “Fast Car’ was at number two?

- “Take a Chance on Me”- ABBA
- “Thinking Out Loud”- Ed Sheeran
- “Pillowtalk”- Zayn Malik
- “Dakota”- Stereophonics



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