



The Revelation

From star collabs to industry

accolades, it's safe to say

Jess Glynne has arrived.

And we can't wait to see what

your NEXT Breakthrough winner

does next. by CIARA SHEPPARD

The past two years have been studded with 'pinch me, this can't be happening' moments for Jess Glynne: winning a Grammy Award with Clean Bandit for the anthem that is *Rather Be*, her first solo number-one single with *Hold My Hand* ("a magic moment"), three nominations at this year's Brit Awards, and a number-one debut album – *I Cry When I Laugh* – that didn't leave the UK Top Ten for nine months.

"It's all very exciting for me – and absolutely surreal, given there is so much great music around," says the London-born singer. Husky and soul-soaked, Jess has the kind of powerhouse voice that you



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instantly recognise. And her rise to chart-topping status has been nothing short of meteoric. Signed to Atlantic Records in 2013, she already has five number-one singles under her belt (as a featured and solo artist), as well as a double-platinum album.

She's also a prolific song-writer, crafting all her own material and collaborating with Iggy Azalea, Rita Ora, Rudimental and Tinie Tempah. "I keep little notes on my phone with ideas, which we develop when in the studio," she says. "I enjoy that whole creative process." There's still one person who she's aching to work with: "Beyoncé would be a dream. I admire how hard-working she is – she always produces projects that blow me away."

This summer, Jess will be hitting the festival circuit, including a spot on the Glastonbury line-up, before embarking on a worldwide tour. She's particularly pleased to be in front of a live audience again, following vocal surgery last year. "I'm so excited – I love performing live. I missed out last summer, so now I'm making up for lost time."

But before she hits the road, Jess is allowing herself to revel in her NEXT Breakthrough award and looking forward to letting her (pretty impressive) hair down at the after-party. "I'm thrilled and very flattered," she says of her win. "Thank you to everyone who voted for me. It's so great to know that what you do touches people and means something to them."

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE
Suki Waterhouse (2015); Ellie Goulding (2011); Katy Perry (2009)