

Talking To Sophie

Talking To Sophie is the alt-pop / singer-songwriter project of German musician **Marcel Krell** from Hohenfinow (near Eberswalde, Brandenburg). Founded in 2015, the name has stood for emotional, melody-driven songs situated between alt-pop, folk, and alternative, characterized by honest lyrics, warm arrangements, and a clear artistic signature.

After earlier experiences in bands, Krell deliberately chose a solo project in order to work in a more independent and personal way. The project name “*Talking To Sophie*” originates from a deeply personal source of inspiration: *Sophie*, the artist’s dog, became a silent listener during the songwriting process — a symbol of intimacy, reflection, and openness.

Musically, Talking To Sophie blends catchy pop melodies with acoustic guitars, subtle electronic elements, and an often introspective, emotional atmosphere. Influences from indie, folk, and Americana are just as present as modern pop structures. The songs revolve around interpersonal relationships, inner conflicts, hope, loss, and connection.

Over the past years, Talking To Sophie has released several albums and singles, including **Oh Ridge Cabin Hymns**, **Old Mother Road Anthems**, and **In Technicolor**, all of which reflect his stylistic versatility and continuous artistic growth. The music is largely DIY-produced and places a strong emphasis on authenticity rather than trends.

2026 marks a special milestone:

Six new albums are scheduled for release throughout the year, each highlighting different facets of his musical work and setting distinct thematic and sonic focuses. With this unusually extensive release year, Talking To Sophie underlines his creative productivity and his commitment to music as an ongoing, honest form of expression.

Albums 2026

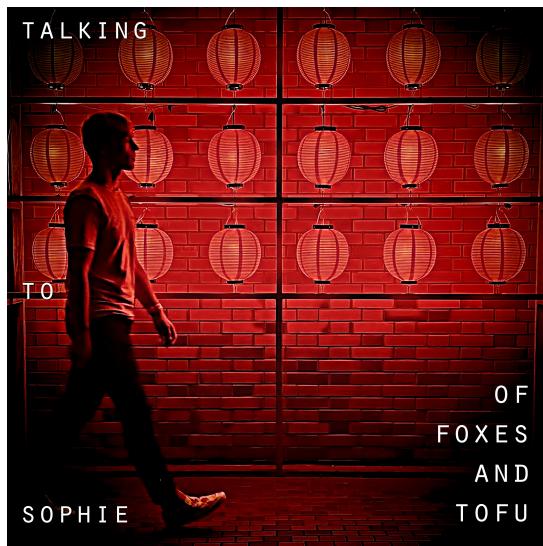
- **Akai Ito** (*processing grief*) — release: Jan 26
- **Of Foxes And Tofu** (*strongly inspired by Japan*) — release: Mar 30
- **Grand Ballet** (*humans & nature*) — release: May 25
- **Red Rock Canyon Sing-A-Longs** (*unreleased successor to Oh Ridge Cabin Hymns*) — release: Jul 27
- **Everblue** (*more grief*) — release: Sep 21
- **Checked Shirts, Chucks And Buttons** (*a look back at youth*) — release: Nov 30
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Talking To Sophie stands for timeless indie-pop songs with depth — music that works just as well on the radio as it does on headphones: approachable, emotional, and always deeply personal.



Akai Ito (feat. Detour & Sick Of It All)

Akai Ito primarily deals with grief. “Music helped me process the loss of my son. After months of feeling directionless, picking up the guitar marked the beginning of that healing process.”



Of Foxes And Tofu (feat. Astro)

Fifteen days in Japan were enough to compose, write, and make 11 songs accessible to others within just a few weeks after the trip. “I’m really not a religious person, but the way this topic is approached in Japan deeply impressed me.”

