

# Adam Wade Gontier



Three Days Grace

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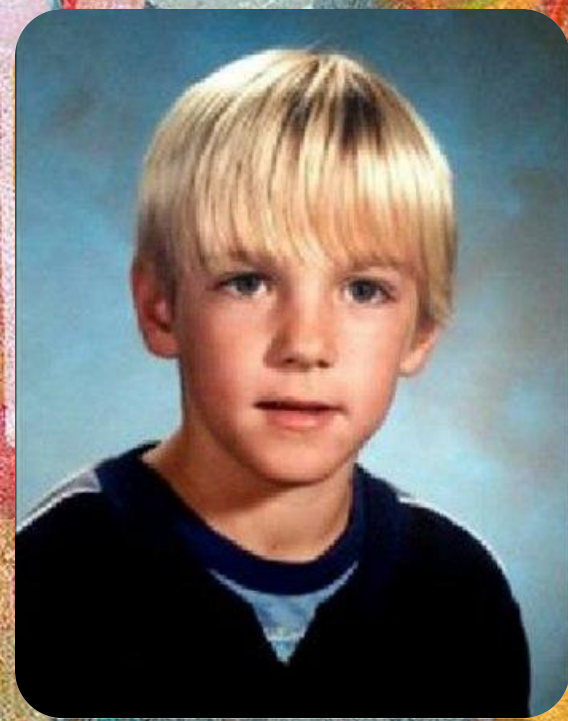
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**Adam Wade Gontier** is a Canadian singer, songwriter and musician. He is the lead singer, rhythm guitarist and main songwriter for Saint Asonia, but is best known as the former lead singer, rhythm guitarist and main songwriter of the Canadian rock band Three Days Grace. Gontier left Three Days Grace on January 9, 2013. In addition to his work with Three Days Grace, he has been involved in collaborations with other bands including Art of Dying and Apocalyptica.





Adam was born in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada on May 25, 1978. He was raised in Markham, Ontario. Shortly after his parents divorced, he moved back to the Peterborough area, where he initially attended Adam Scott Collegiate and Vocational Institute. In 1995, he moved to the Norwood area, and attended Norwood District High School, where he met and befriended **Three Days Grace** members Neil Sanderson and Brad Walst.



**Adam Gontier**

**Brad Walst**

**Neil Sanderson**

**In 1997, Gontier, Sanderson, and Walst regrouped as "Three Days Grace".**



**According to Gontier, the name refers to a sense of urgency, with the question being whether someone could change something in their life if they had only three days to make a change.**

# Three Days Grace (2003–2005)



The self-titled album was finished in Woodstock, New York and released on July 22, 2003. To support the eponymous album, in 2003 Three Days Grace released its first single, "I Hate Everything About You". The song received heavy airplay and rapidly became a widely recognizable song, and was labelled as the band's "breakout hit".

After Barry Stock joined as lead guitarist in late 2003, Three Days Grace toured continuously and extensively for nearly two years in support of their major label debut. The album peaked at number nine on the Canadian Albums Chart and number 69 on the *Billboard* 200, and was certified platinum in the U.S. by the RIAA in December 2004 and double platinum in Canada by the CRIA.



The release of "I Hate Everything About You" was followed by two more single releases, "Just Like You" and "Home".





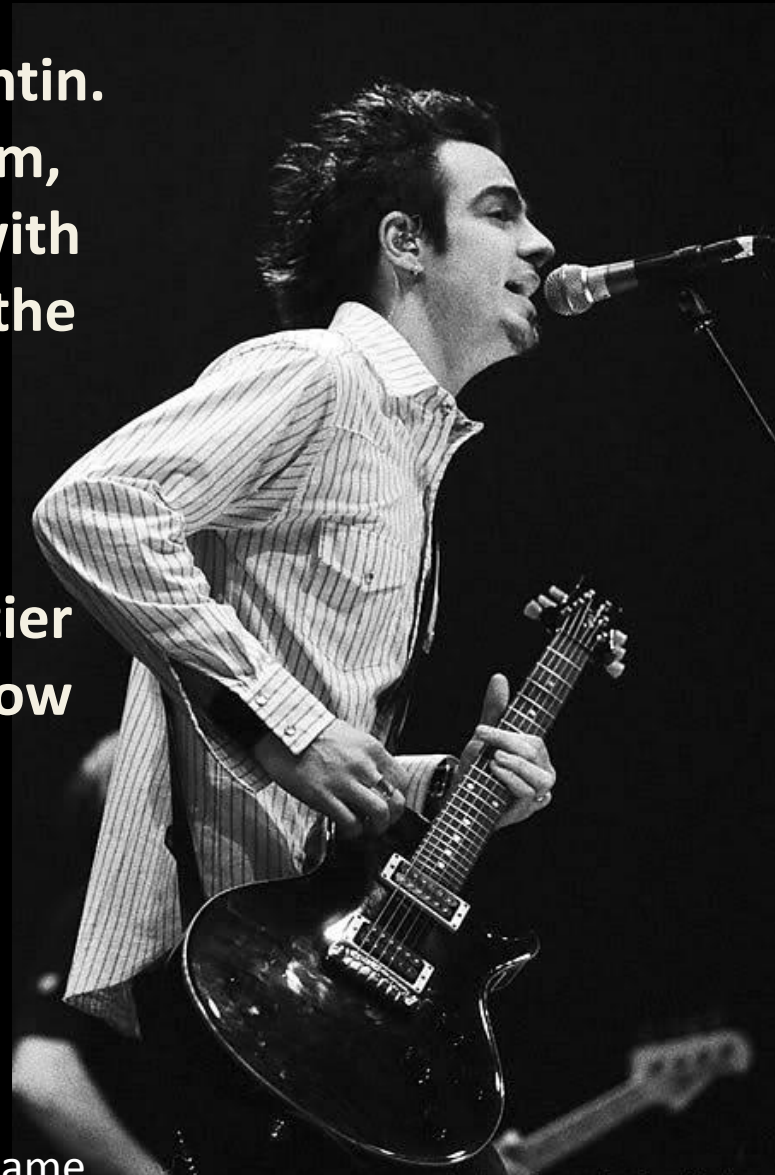
In may 2004, Adam married his high school sweetheart Naomi brewer. Together with his beloved Gontier recorded several songs, including such tracks as "Try To Catch Up With The World" and "Lost Your Shot".



About this time, Gontier developed an addiction to the prescription drug OxyContin. After finishing the tour for their first album, the band knew they could not continue with the condition he was in, so in 2005, with the support of his family, friends and band members, Gontier checked himself into the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). While in treatment, Gontier began writing lyrics for songs regarding how he felt and what he was going through in rehabilitation.

«A few of us got really carried away, especially myself. I became somebody I didn't want to be.»

-Gontier's regrets about the person he became during the *Three Days Grace* tour



Gontier successfully completed treatment at CAMH. The band found a place suitable for further songwriting in Northern Ontario, in a cottage. After three months they had about finished what would be on their second album. Gontier contributed lyrics about his experiences in rehab; the first single from titled *Animal I Have Become*, features lyrics Gontier had written while getting sober.



**I can't escape myself  
So many times I've lied  
But there's still rage inside  
Somebody get me through this nightmare  
I can't control myself.**

**-the words of the song**

# *One-X* (2006–2008)

In a 2006 interview, Gontier said that the album's material was more personal to him than the band's previous work because the material had come out of his experiences with despondence, drug abuse, and rehab, which had constituted the past two years of his life.

The album was released on June 13, 2006, (It was guitarist Barry Stock's record debut.)





Gontier also performed live by himself at various rehabilitation centres as a "thank you" to the people who helped him get through his addiction, and as an inspiration to others who were also dealing with addiction issues. In these performances, he would play songs such as "Pain", "Animal I Have Become" and "Never Too Late", to encourage and motivate people under treatment to overcome their addiction.

Most, if not all, of these solo acoustic performances, called the "Three Days to Change" tour, took place simultaneously as Three Days Grace toured promoting *One-X*. In November 2006, Adam performed with the band at a special show at the CAMH in Toronto, where he had gone for his own rehab.



**Three Days Grace**

**One-X peaked at number two on the Canadian album chart and at number five on the Billboard 200, selling 78,000 copies in the U.S. in its first week of release. "Animal I Have Become" was Three Days Grace's most successful single, becoming 2006's most played rock song in Canada. The album helped Three Days Grace to become the number one rock artist in airplay in the U.S. and Canada in 2007, with Billboard ranking them as the number one rock artist of 2007. One-X was certified triple platinum by the RIAA in the U.S. on March 4, 2016, and double platinum by the CRIA in Canada in July 2007. Three Days Grace toured the U.S. and Canada throughout the second half of 2006 and all of 2007 in support of One-X.**



From March to August 2008, and from January to April 2009, Three Days Grace recorded their third album at The Warehouse Studio in Vancouver, British Columbia, and in Los Angeles, again with producer Howard Benson who had worked with them on their previous releases.



# *Life Starts Now* (2009–2011)



The album, entitled *Life Starts Now*, was released on September 22, 2009. Critics as well as band members have noted the album's departure from the angry tone of the band's previous releases into a lyrical style that is perceived as more optimistic.



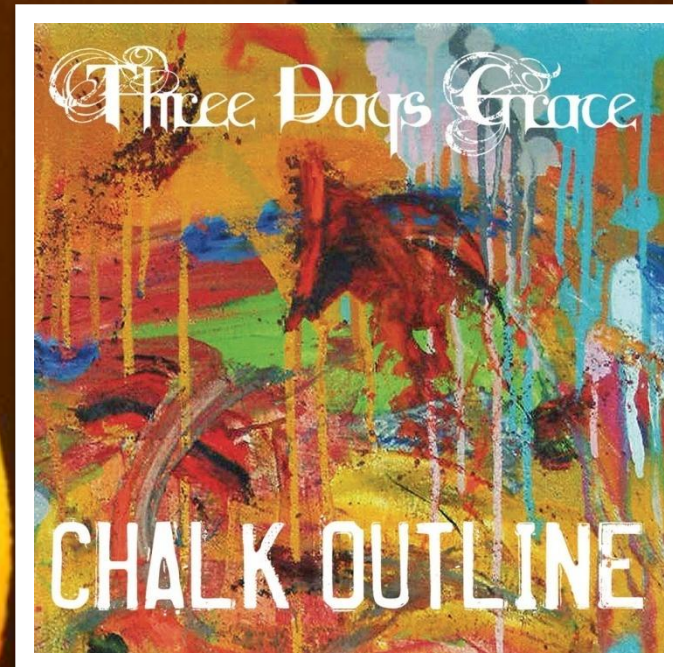
*Life Starts Now* debuted at number three on the *Billboard* 200, Three Days Grace's highest chart position to date, and sold 79,000 copies in its first week. The first single release from the album, "Life Starts Now", was released on September 1, 2009.





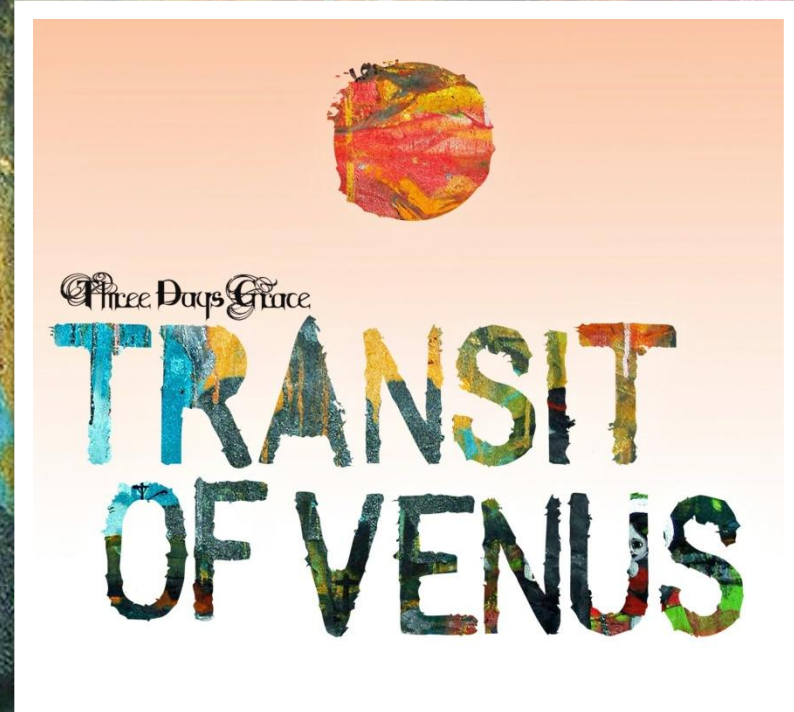
Three Days Grace (2009)

On June 5, 2012, the same day as Venus' visible transit across the sun, the band announced that their fourth studio album would be called *Transit of Venus* which was set to be released October 2, 2012.



Due to the rarity of this occurrence, they created the slogan, "**Some things will never happen again in your lifetime**", reflecting both this uncommon occurrence as well as the mood that the lyrics and music would most likely take on. The first single from the album, \_\_\_\_\_, was released on August 14.

Album cover of  
"Transit of Venus"



Three Days Grace  
(2012)

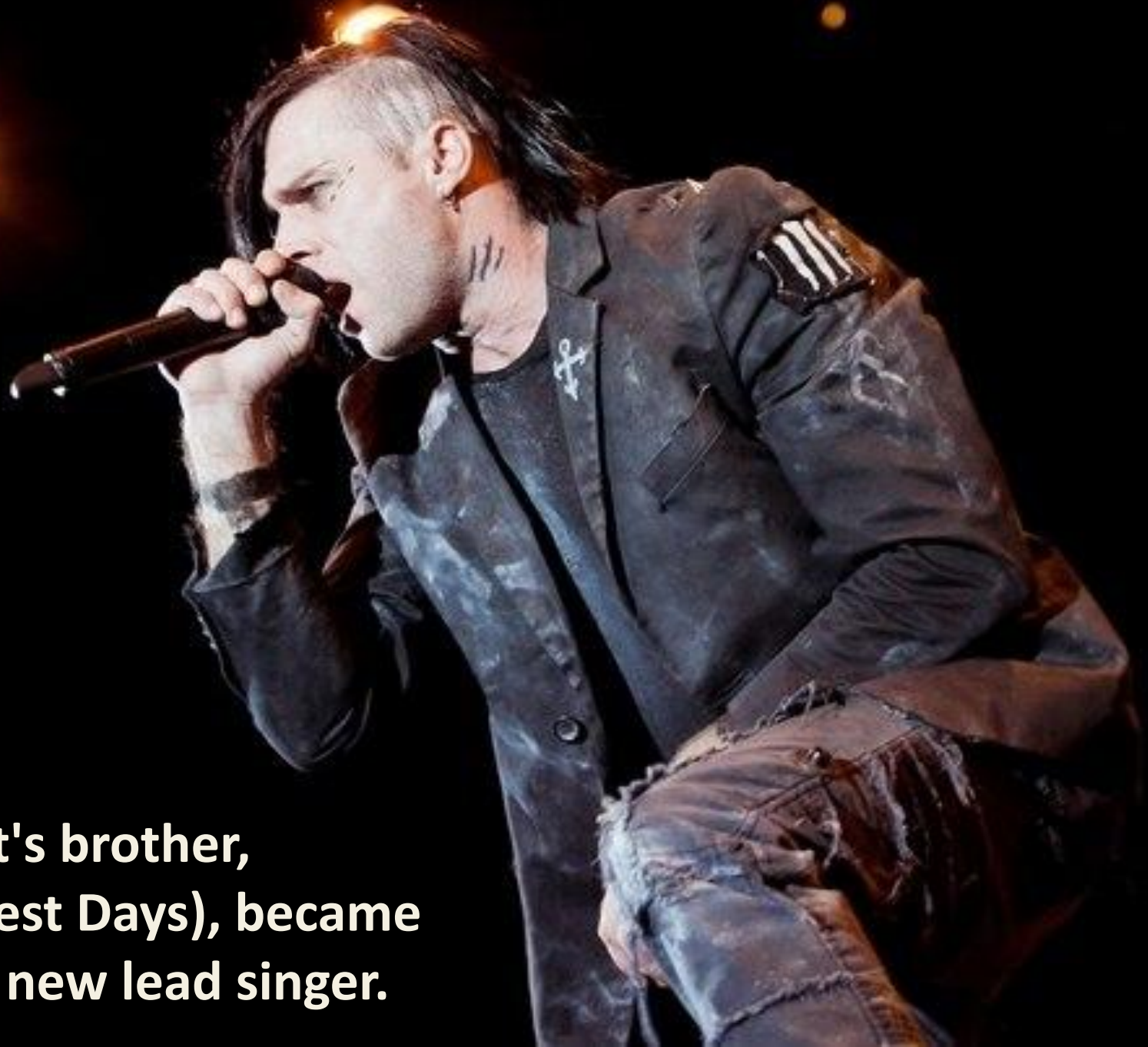


**On January 9, 2013,  
Three Days Grace  
announced that Gontier  
had left the band. The  
band described Gontier's  
departure as being  
abrupt and unexplained.  
Also in 2013 Adam  
divorced Naomi.**



**«After twenty years of being part of an  
ever evolving band, I have been inspired  
by life, to move on and to continue to  
evolve on my own terms.»**

**Gontier explained that he was simply  
ready to start a new chapter in his life.**



**Brad Walst's brother,  
(of My Darkest Days), became  
the band's new lead singer.**

# Three Days Grace (2013)






# SAINT ASONIA

(2015)

The band released their first teaser early May 2015, which presented the band's first single, logo and members of the band. Speculation followed that the line-up would consist of **Adam Gontier**, **Mike Mushok**, **Rich Beddoe** and **Corey Lowery**, however nothing was confirmed until May 16 when the band officially released their first single titled «Better Place».

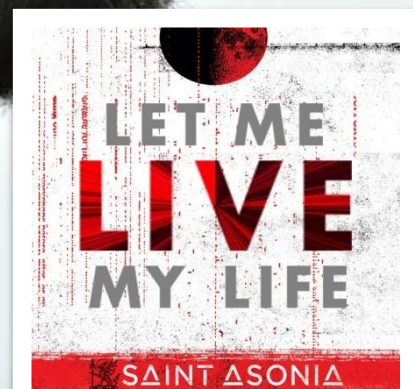
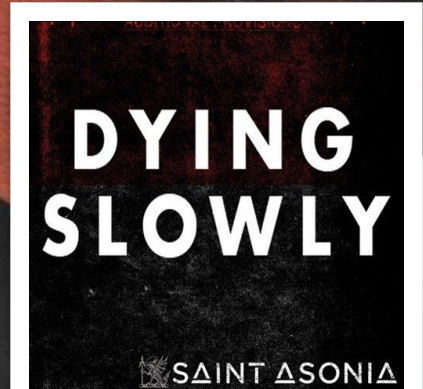
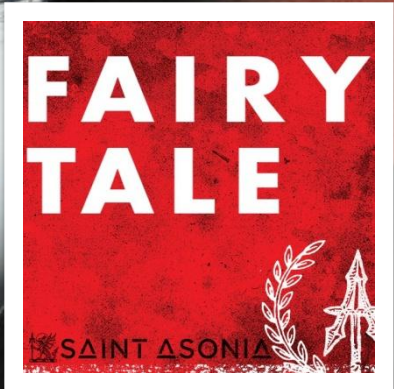
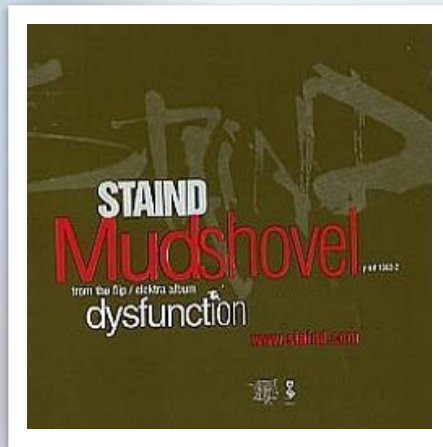




A photograph of a male musician with a beard and tattoos, wearing a black shirt, performing on stage. He is holding a black electric guitar and singing into a microphone. The background is a large, dense crowd of people seated in yellow stadium seats, many with their arms raised. The scene is outdoors, likely at a festival or concert venue.

The band made their debut live performance at Rock on the Range as the opening act for the main stage on May 16, and were billed as a special guest.

Along with their first single, the band performed other original songs such as «Fairy Tale», «Dying Slowly» and «Let Me Live My Life», but also performed cover songs of Three Days Grace, such as «I Hate Everything About You» and songs from Mushok's past band, Staind, like «Mudshovel» and «For You».



# Saint Asonia (2015)



**Corey Lowery**

**Rich Beddoe**

**Adam Gontier**

**Mike Mushok**

Also in 2015, Adam got married Jeannie Marie



In November 2015 Adam for the first time in his career has visited Russia with three concerts.

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# SAINTASONIA

ПРЕЗЕНТАЦИЯ ДЕБЮТНОГО АЛЬБОМА И ЛУЧШИЕ ХИТЫ THREE DAYS GRACE И STAINED



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**SAINT ASONIA  
at GLAVCLUB  
Saint-Petersburg  
22.11.2015**





**Sal Giancarelli**

**On June 5, 2017, drummer Rich Beddoe confirmed that he had left Saint Asonia on good terms to do other things. On July 12, 2017, the band played their first show with Mike Mushok's former Staind bandmate Sal Giancarelli on drums.**

In 2017 Adam visited Russia for the second time, but with a solo and more massive tour.



# ADAM GONTIER

ГОЛОС **SAINT ASONIA**  
ОСНОВАТЕЛЬ **THREE DAYS GRACE**

## EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR 2017

8.11 / КИЕВ / ATLAS

10.11 / МИНСК / RE:PUBLIC

11.11 / С-ПЕТЕРБУРГ / КОСМОНАВТ

12.11 / МОСКВА / GLAVCLUB

14.11 / ВОРОНЕЖ / AURA CLUB

15.11 / РОСТОВ-НА-ДОНУ / RAVE

16.11 / КРАСНОДАР / THE ROCK BAR

18.11 / Н.НОВГОРОД / MILO HALL

19.11 / КАЗАНЬ / ARENA KAZAN

21.11 / САМАРА / ЗВЕЗДА

22.11 / УФА / MUSIC HALL 27

24.11 / ЧЕЛЯБИНСК / ГАЛАКТИКА

25.11 / ЕКАТЕРИНБУРГ / ДОМ ПЕЧАТИ

27.11 / ОМСК / PUSHKIN

29.11 / НОВОСИБИРСК / ПОДЗЕМКА

30.11 / КРАСНОЯРСК / ЭРА

2.12 / ХАБАРОВСК / VELICANO

3.12 / ВЛАДИВОСТОК / SANREMO HALL



**Adam Gontier  
at COSMONAVT club  
Saint-Petersburg  
11.11.2017**



**The history of Adam  
continues to this day,  
but my story about  
him is finished.  
Thank You for attention!**

