



# Presents **TAIO CRUZ**

Taio Cruz (born 23 April 1982) is a British singer, songwriter and music producer. In 2008 he released his debut album *Departure*. Written, arranged and produced by himself, it achieved initial success in the UK and earned him a MOBO Award nomination. In October 2009, he released his follow up album *Rokstarr* in the UK. It included his UK and US No. 1 single "Break Your Heart" (his US debut single).

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Dubbed as "a toss-up between Babyface, Justin Timberlake and John Legend", the British singer/songwriter began working on his debut album soon after the deal was sealed. In between his hectic schedule to get the album done, he was sent to the U.S. to work on new music for Britney Spears, Brandy and Justin Timberlake. He released his first effort "Departure" in 2008, the same year he was nominated for Best UK Male at MOBO Awards.

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