

November 29, 2018  
For Immediate Release

**Norwegian Saxophonist, Bendik Giske, Announces Debut Album,  
*Surrender*, Out January 25th On Smalltown Supersound**

**[Listen To Lead Single, "High"](#)**



(photo by Daniele Fummo)

“...a fervent after-hours sound world, complete with woodwinds, in which euphoria and melancholy collide.” — *Pitchfork*, on *Adjust* EP

“Bendik Giske makes dazzling saxophone music.” — *Resident Advisor*

Today, Norwegian saxophonist, **Bendik Giske**, announces his debut album, *Surrender*, due **January 25th** via **Smalltown Supersound**, and shares lead single, “**High**.” The announcement follows the release of Giske’s *Adjust* EP - his debut for the label released last month containing remixes of early single, “**Adjust**,” by **Lotic**, **Total Freedom**, **Rezzett**, and **Deathprod**, in addition to the original track.

Giske’s mesmerizing debut takes listeners on a true journey through the euphoria and wanderlust of nights spent clubbing — using little more than his voice, his instrument of choice, and more than a few well-placed microphones. An impressively coherent statement that brims with purpose and energy, *Surrender* heralds Giske’s arrival as an artist unafraid to think outside the confines of his artistry and pursue the furthest-flung ideas with successful aplomb.

**Listen to Bendik Giske’s “High” —**  
**<https://youtu.be/b3m1a3V-m8U>**

Born in Oslo and splitting much of his adolescence between his home city and Bali, Giske grew up in an artistic household and took up the saxophone at the age of 12. As the years progressed, so did his comfort with the instrument, which inspired him to push the boundaries of what he could accomplish creatively with it.

After spending much of the previous decade racking up contributions to others’ works, including several albums from Norwegian performance artist **Nils Bech**, Giske was inspired to conceive *Surrender* after a fateful trip to a notorious Berlin club. “I resisted—I felt like everyone was an idiot,” he admits regarding the experience, which he now regards as transformative. “At some point, I started embracing this culture, and I realized that this is where I wanted to be and how I wanted to create in this universe. The space really creates a parallel universe that takes a while to get into—but once I surrendered my self to it, I started experiencing my self in a way that feels more true.”

*Surrender* as a verb is a key concept to Giske’s debut. “...the queer perspective is always there,” he states. “In gay culture, we have the terms ‘top’ and ‘bottom,’ with ‘bottom’ referencing an act of surrender and trust. This act of surrender gives you a different perspective on how you relate to the world—how you apply yourself and experience things.”

Recorded at Oslo’s **Emanuel Vigeland Mausoleum**, Giske and producer **Amund Ulvestad** conceived of the method in which they placed tiny microphones over the saxophonist’s instrument and body, right down to being able to capture his breathing between notes.

Instrumental music is often at its best when telling a story within the notes it contains, and by that measure *Surrender* is an absolute triumph — an extremely relatable work of art for anyone who’s ever had a moment in a crowded room and felt themselves changing amidst the chaos of the world surrounding them.

***Surrender* Tracklist:**

01. Ass Drone
02. Adjust
03. Up
04. Stall
05. Hole

06. Through  
07. High  
08. Exit

**Watch/Listen/Share:**

“Adjust” video - <https://youtu.be/j8OyappCpxw>  
“Adjust” (Total Freedom Remix) - <https://bit.ly/2DIMNHR>

**Bendik Giske Tour Dates:**

Thu. Nov. 29 - Grünerløkka, NO @ Design og arkitektur Norge (DOGA)  
Sun. Jan. 27 - Berlin, DE @ CTM Festival  
Fri. Feb. 15 - Utrecht, NL @ Uncloud Festival  
Wed. Feb. 27 - Graz, AT @ Elevate Festival  
Fri. March 1 + Sat. March 2 - Oslo, NO @ byLarm Festival  
Sat. April 20 - Rotterdam, NL @ Motel Mozaïque

**Pre-order *Surrender*** — [smarturl.it/sts334-preorder](http://smarturl.it/sts334-preorder)

**Purchase *Adjust* EP** — <https://bendikgiske.bandcamp.com/album/adjust-ep>

**Download album art & hi-res images of Bendik Giske** — <http://pitchperfectpr.com/bendik-giske/>



(Surrender cover art)

**[Artist Site](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Smalltown Supersound](#)**

For more information, please contact:

Sam McAllister | Pitch Perfect PR — [sam@pitchperfectpr.com](mailto:sam@pitchperfectpr.com), 773-271-6844