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BIG THIEF SIGN TO 4AD, ANNOUNCE NEW ALBUM, SHARE FIRST SINGLE "UFOF"

2019 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR DATES ANNOUNCED

U.F.O.F. OUT MAY 3RD



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U.F.O.F., F standing for 'Friend', is the name of the highly anticipated third record by **Big Thief**, set to be released by **4AD on May 3rd**. Today, they share the first single, "**UFOF**," and **announce 2019 North American tour dates**. **Adrienne Lenker** (guitar, vocals), **Buck Meek** (guitar), **Max Oleartchik** (bass), and **James Krivchenia** (drums) have spent the last 4 years on an incessant world tour, winning the devotion of an enthusiastic and rapidly expanding audience. Their songs represent an emotional bravery and realness that weaves intimate relationships with the listener, a phenomenon that has made them one of the most widely-respected bands of the current era. Their first two back-to-back releases, *Masterpiece* (2016) and *Capacity* (2017), have been analyzed, wept to, danced to, critically applauded, imitated, hummed idly, and shouted out loud. They have soundtracked crowded restaurants, difficult conversations, cowboy bars, yoga classes, night drives, and lonely bedrooms.

U.F.O.F. was recorded in rural western Washington at Bear Creek Studios. In a large cabin-like room, the band set up their gear to track live with **engineer Dom Monks** and **producer Andrew Sarlo**, who was also behind their

previous albums. Having already lived these songs on tour, they were relaxed and ready to experiment. The raw material came quickly. Some songs were written only hours before recording and stretched out instantly, first take, vocals and all. Others were explored in search of perfected moments of dynamic feedback and spiritual, rhythmic togetherness. A careful New Age sprinkle of mystical textures and stabs was added and kept in the mix only when all agreed that each element had become absolutely crucial to the tune. The completed palette feels classic, upfront and honest, with an occasional, welcome glimpse into the magic box.

Lyrically, *U.F.O.F.* is a dream in the dark. Characters and scenery interact outside of time. Names of mystery women appear, then disappear. Cruelties flash. Pronouns meld. There is a darkness here, but it's not one to be feared. "Making friends with the unknown... All my songs are about this," says Lenker; "If the nature of life is change and impermanence, I'd rather be uncomfortably awake in that truth than lost in denial." Every song here casts a shadow, and the direction of this shadow reflects its light source. If songwriters are spelunkers of the unrevealed, then Lenker is one of the bravest working today. This is courageous music.

When the album's final number drifts away into droning, alien invitations, the power to look within our own selves has been fully transmuted. The dreamer awakes and sees for a moment a vibrating figure disappear from the corner of the bedroom. The door is open and future music awaits. It's morning. Goodbye alien.



U.F.O.F. TRACKLISTING

1. Contact
2. UFOF
3. Cattails
4. From
5. Open Desert
6. Orange

- 7. Century
- 8. Strange
- 9. Betsy
- 10. Terminal Paradise
- 11. Jenni
- 12. Magic Dealer

U.F.O.F. is available for pre-order today on [LP, CD, and digital](#). Limited translucent orange vinyl is available via the Big Thief store and 4AD store + your local indie retailer. Limited forest green vinyl will be available through Vinyl Me Please (VMP pre-order begins Feb 27).

For their upcoming North American shows, **Big Thief will be partnering with Plus1**. \$1 from every ticket sold in the US will be going to benefit [SAEF](#), [Little Kids Rock](#) and [Youth Speaks](#), while shows in Canada will benefit XX and XX and XXX.

BIG THIEF TOUR DATES (new dates in bold)

- Sat. Apr. 20 - San Diego, CA @ Irenic**
- Thu. May 2 - Los Angeles, CA @ The Fonda Theatre**
- Fri. May 3 - Los Angeles, CA @ The Bootleg Theater**
- Sun. May 5 - Brooklyn, NY @ Elsewhere**
- Sat. May 18 - Leeds, UK @ Brudenell Social Club (SOLD OUT)
- Sun. May 19 - Glasgow, UK @ SWG3
- Tues. May 21 - Dublin, IR @ Vicar Street
- Wed. May 22 - Manchester, UK @ The Ritz
- Thu. May 23 - London, UK @ Roundhouse
- Fri. May 24 - Bristol, UK @ SWX
- Sun. May 26 - Cambridge, UK @ Cambridge Junction
- Mon. May 27 - Paris, FR @ Trabendo
- Tue. May 28 - Brussels, BE @ Orangerie
- Thu. May 30 - Barcelona, ES @ Primavera Sound
- Fri. May 31 - Nîmes, FR @ This Is Not a Love Song Festival
- Sun. June 2 - Amsterdam, NL @ Best Kept Secret
- Mon. June 3-6 - Marina Di Ravenna, IT @ Beaches Brew Festival
- Mon. June 3 - Berlin, DE @ Lido
- Tue. June 4 - Zurich, CH @ Bogen F
- Sat. June 8 - Porto, PT @ NOS Privacera Sound
- Tue. August 6-10 - Oslo, NO @ Oya Festival
- Thu. August 8 - Copenhagen, DK @ Lille Vega**
- Thu. August 15-18 - Wales, UK @ Green Man Festival
- Fri. August 16 - Hasselt, BE @ Pukkelpop Festival
- Thu. Oct. 10 - New York, NY @ Webster Hall
- Fri. Oct. 11 - New York, NY @ Webster Hall
- Sat. Oct. 12 - South Burlington, VT @ Higher Ground**
- Sun. Oct. 13 - Boston, MA @ Wilbur Theatre**
- Tue. Oct. 15 - Montreal, QC @ La Tulipe**
- Wed. Oct. 16 - Toronto, ON @ Phoenix Concert Theatre**
- Thu. Oct. 17 - Detroit, MI @ El Club**
- Fri. Oct. 18 - Chicago, IL @ Metro**
- Mon. Oct. 21 - Minneapolis, MN @ First Avenue**
- Thu. Oct. 24 - Portland, OR @ Crystal Ballroom**
- Fri. Oct. 25 - Vancouver, BC @ Vogue Theatre**
- Sat. Oct. 26 - Seattle, WA @ Moore Theatre**
- Mon. Oct. 28 - San Francisco, CA @ The Fillmore**
- Fri. Nov. 1 - Phoenix, AZ @ Crescent Ballroom**
- Sat. Nov. 2 - Albuquerque, NM @ Sister**
- Mon. Nov. 4 - Austin, TX @ Stubb's Waller Creek Amphitheatre**
- Tue. Nov. 5 - Dallas, TX @ Trees**
- Thu. Nov. 7 - Atlanta, GA @ Variety Playhouse**

Fri. Nov. 8 - Saxapahaw, NC @ Haw River Ballroom
Sat. Nov. 9 - Philadelphia, PA @ Union Transfer
Sun. Nov. 10 - Washington, DC @ 9:30 Club

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