Dan Deacon Scores HBO Documentary, <u>Well Groomed</u>, and ESPN Films 30 for 30 Short "Subject to Review"

Well Groomed Premieres Tonight, Dec. 17th "Subject to Review" Airs this Sunday, Dec. 22nd

New Album, Mystic Familiar, Out Jan. 31st on Domino



Photo Credit: Phil Kline

Dan Deacon's new album, *Mystic Familiar*, is out Jan. 31st on Domino. Ahead of its release, two films scored by Deacon are premiering: HBO documentary *Well Groomed* and ESPN Films 30 for 30 Short "Subject to Review." *Well Groomed*, which premieres tonight at 8pm CT, explores the exuberant world of competitive creative dog grooming and follows the lives

of dog owners who are challenging the definition of art. "Subject to Review" airs this Sunday, Dec. 22nd, and takes a close look at not just the technology to improve the accuracy of calls during tennis matches, but the meaning and significance of that pursuit. In addition to an original score composed by Deacon, the short features *Mystic Familiar*'s "Bumble Bee Crown King." These films offer a look into Deacon's collaborative repertoire, which includes the score for *Rat Film* and work with NYCBallet's resident choreographer Justin Peck, LAPhil and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

"There are few things I enjoy more than scoring films and I feel so lucky to be able to do it," says Deacon. "Working on music for films allows me to enter totally new worlds and that takes my music in directions I'd otherwise never explore. The writing and recording process for the scores to Well Groomed and 'Subject to Review' were totally different in just about every way possible, not only because of the content of the films but because the style of the directors. That's the most rewarding part for me, the collaboration with new people and helping them tell the story."

#### Watch the Trailer for Well Groomed -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lX63jPjgEDo

# Watch the Trailer for "Subject to Review" -

https://vimeo.com/366115488

The aforementioned collaborations have had a great impact on *Mystic Familiar*. Deacon recently shared two episodes of a behind-the-scenes series that details the making of the album. The first episode outlines the concepts of *Mystic Familiar*, while episode 2 examines self doubt, Brian Eno's *Oblique Strategies*, and meditating like David Lynch. Episode 3 will be available in the new year.

# Watch Episode 1 of Behind Mystic Familiar -

https://twitter.com/ebaynetflix/status/1197207503249059841

# Watch Episode 2 of Behind Mystic Familiar -

https://twitter.com/ebaynetflix/status/1204786566281015308

Mystic Familiar is at once Deacon's most emotionally open record and his most transcendent, 11 kaleidoscopic tracks of majestic synth-pop that expand his sound with unfettered imagination and newfound vulnerability. It's a remarkable shift in a songbook abundant with characters, metaphors, and modulations. This voice-focused album is also the first record in which each song was built around one central concept—the Mystic Familiar, a supernatural

other being that we carry with us everywhere in our head, which only we can hear and with whom we live our lives in eternal conversation.

In support of *Mystic Familiar*, Deacon will embark on a length North American tour this spring. Tour dates can be found below and all tickets are on sale now.

# Watch Dan Deacon's "Sat By A Tree" Video -

https://smarturl.it/SatByATreeYT

# Pre-order Mystic Familiar -

https://smarturl.it/MysticFamiliar

### **Dan Deacon Tour Dates:**

Fri. Jan. 31 - Dublin, IE @ Grand Social
Sat. Feb. 1 - Glasgow, UK @ Classic Grand
Tue. Feb. 4 - Leeds, UK @ Brudenell
Thu. Feb. 6 - London, UK @ Scala
Mon. Feb. 10 - Paris, FR @ La Maroquinerie

Wed. Feb. 26 - Charlottesville, VA @ The Southern

Thu. Feb. 27 - Carrboro, NC @ Cat's Cradle Fri. Feb. 28 - Atlanta, GA @ Variety

Sat. Feb. 29 - Asheville, NC @ The Grey Eagle

Sun. March 1 - Nashville, TN @ The Basement East

Tue. March 3 - New Orleans, LA @ One Eyed Jacks

Thu. March 5 - Houston, TX @ White Oak Music Hall

Fri. March 6 - San Antonio, TX @ Paper Tiger Sat. March 7 - Austin, TX @ Scoot Inn

Sun. March 8 - Dallas, TX @ Deep Ellum Art Co.

Tue. March 10 - Phoenix, AZ @ The Crescent Ballroom Wed. March 11 - San Diego, CA - Music Box

Thu. March 12 - Santa Ana, CA @ The Observatory

Fri. March 13 - Los Angeles, CA @ The Regent Theater

Sat. March 14 - San Francisco, CA @ The Fillmore

Mon. March 16 - Sacramento, CA @ Harlow's

Thu. March 19 - Portland, OR @ Wonder Ballroom

Fri. March 20 - Seattle, WA @ Neptune

Sat. March 21 - Vancouver, BC @ VENUE

Tue. March 24 - Boise, ID @ Neurolux

Wed. March 25 - Salt Lake City, UT @ Urban Lounge

Fri. March 27 - Santa Fe, NM @ Meow Wolf Sat. March 28 - Englewood, CO @ Gothic Theatre Mon. March 30 - Lawrence, KS @ Granada Theater Tue. March 31 - St. Louis, MO @ The Ready Room Wed. April 1 - East Moline, IL @ The Rust Belt Thu. April 2 - Chicago, IL @ Metro Fri. April 3 - Minneapolis, MN @ Varsity Theater Sat. April 4 - Madison, WI @ High Noon Saloon Thu. April 16 - Millvale, PA @ Mr. Smalls Theatre Fri. April 17 - Lakewood, OH @ Mahall's Sat. April 18 - Cincinnati, OH @ Urban Artifact Sun. April 19 - Louisville, KY @ Headliner's Music Hall Tue. April 21 - Indianapolis, IN @ HI-FI Indianapolis Wed. April 22 - Columbus, OH @ Skully's Music Diner Thu. April 23 - Detroit, MI @ Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit Fri. April 24 - Toronto, ON @ Lee's Palace Sat. April 25 - Ithaca, NY @ The Haunt Sun. April 26 - Boston, MA @ Paradise Rock Club Tue. April 28 - Portland, ME @ SPACE Gallery Wed. April 29 - Portsmouth, NH @ 3S Artspace Thu. April 30 - Philadelphia, PA @ Underground Arts Fri. May 1 - Brooklyn, NY @ Brooklyn Steel Sat. May 2 - Washington, DC @ 9:30 Club

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