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**Bad Ambassadors Release “[Saturday](#)”
New Single From Debut, Self-Titled EP Out 1/10 via Shoebox Records**



(Photo Credit: Alexis McLane)

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"To describe Bad Ambassadors' music as straight up hip-hop would be inaccurate. Although both Jones and Sepka have traditionally made music within the genre, Bad Ambassadors incorporates other unique, even off-kilter influences from surf rock to dance in the sound. Part of those stylistic influences stems from years of personal and creative growth."

- Chicago Tribune

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Bad Ambassadors, the Chicago based duo of **Rich Jones** and **Walkingshoe**, will release their **debut, self-titled EP**, on **January 10th** via **Shoebox Records**. **Bad Ambassadors** explores the determination to pursue your passion in the face of the inevitable obstacles life places in your way. Musically, the project combines elements of surf-rock, psychedelic hip-hop, and dance beats into a quick, easy-to-swallow pill that will get you your fix on first listen all the way to your tenth. Ahead of its release, the duo offers the project's second single, "**Saturday**." Following the upbeat lead single, "**Up for You**," "**Saturday**" is mellow, and features bright synth and layered vocals.

Listen to "Saturday" -

https://soundcloud.com/bad_ambassadors/saturday/s-FYkSE

"'Saturday' was the only song I wrote Summer 2015 before we really got cooking in the Fall," says Jones. "Had been feeling particularly low as I dealt with a multitude of things - the murder of a dear friend, the growing pains of a new relationship, a lack of trust of those around me who I'd previously felt iron clad about - that by that point in the year had crescendoed into a wave that felt like it would be tough to make it over. All the good things indeed felt so very far away from me and I desperately needed that to change."

Rich Jones, known for both his own solo work and collaborations with the likes of **Nnamdi**, **Mykele DeVille**, and **The O'My's**, and Walkingshoe, who's spent time producing for himself and others, notably **Ness Heads**, **Frank Leone**, **yU**, **ShowYouSuck**, and **Qari**, met via Twitter in 2015. The pairing provided them with something that neither of their solo endeavors could - a chance for a fresh start and the kind of freedom that could only come from releasing this music as a group. After **Bad Ambassadors** was temporarily shelved for personal pursuits, they returned with a renewed zeal and began working out of a basement studio in Chicago's Avondale neighborhood, creating records that paired Jones' sense of unease and sadness over a rapidly changing city and community (themes found throughout much of his work) with Walkingshoe's expertise in forging genre-defying production and their mutual, keen pop sensibilities.

For those in the Chicagoland area, **Bad Ambassadors** will play an EP release show at **the Hideout** on **January 10th**, the project's release day. Tickets are on-sale now and available to purchase [here](#).

Listen to "Up for You" -

https://soundcloud.com/bad_ambassadors/up-for-you

Pre-order *Bad Ambassadors* EP -

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