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**Naeem Presents New Single, [“Stone Harbor”](#)**

**Debut Album, *Startisha*, Out This Friday Via 37d03d**



(“Stone Harbor” single cover art, photo credit: Shane McCauley)

“The album begins with a cover of a song by the cult electronic band Silver Apples. Moody, aggressive tracks like 'Let Us Rave' and 'Woo Woo Woo' sit side-by-side with unvarnished love songs inspired by his longtime boyfriend [...] and unambiguously political missives such as 'Tiger Song,' where he grapples with black masculinity and his Baltimore upbringing.” — *The New York Times*

“Kicking off with a jazzy piano riff, the Baltimore-bred artist melds textured synths, bowl vibrations, and static with traditional hip-hop production, giving the song an evocative and unexpected jolt...’Simulation’ feels like a statement piece.” — *Entertainment Weekly*

“[‘Woo Woo Woo’ (Feat. Amanda Blank, Micah James) is] driven by an ethereal fast-tempo dance beat that sets the stage for unique vocal cadences of all the artists on the track.” —  
*Hypebeast*

Baltimore-born/Los Angeles-based artist **Naeem** will release his debut album, ***Startisha***, **this coming Friday** via **37d03d**. Today, he shares a new single and album standout, “**Stone Harbor**,” which follows previous singles “**Woo Woo Woo**” (Feat. **Amanda Blank, Micah James**), “**Simulation**” (Feat. **Swamp Dogg & Justin Vernon**), and “**You and I**” (**Silver Apples Cover**). “Stone Harbor” is energetic and percussive. As Naeem sings “*Every word I read I think of you // Every song I hear I think of you // Every love I’ve had I think of you,*” his velvety vocals blend into a euphonious chorus. It’s “*a simple love song to my boyfriend, written in and named after the shore town he and his family spend their summers, Stone Harbor, NJ,*” says Naeem.

**Listen To Naeem’s “Stone Harbor” -**  
<https://youtu.be/2sQrmDYKpeA>

In Naeem’s words, *Startisha* presents an opportunity to move on from past work under different monikers, and strike out under his own name, with the experimentation in the music a parallel to the personalization of its subject matter. Studio work on the album started four years ago after Naeem linked up with producers **Sam Green** and **Grave Goods** in Philadelphia. After sessions in Philadelphia and New York, he decamped to Minneapolis and holed up in Justin Vernon’s home studio, where *Startisha* continued to come together with contributions from Vernon himself, **Ryan Olson** (Gayngs, Polica), **Swamp Dogg**, **Velvet Negrone**, **Francis and the Lights**, and regular collaborators **Amanda Blank** and **Micah James**.

Throughout *Startisha*, Naeem sings about the ideas of self-care and the attention economy, the love for his boyfriend, and personal memories of growing up in Baltimore. *Startisha* is impressionistic and genre-bending, exemplifying artistic, daring and emotional intelligence while exploring new ideas and sounds, and philosophically excavating the artist’s histories.

**Watch Video For “Woo Woo Woo” (Feat. Amanda Blank, Micah James) -**  
<https://youtu.be/K4jdLms9to8>

**Watch Video For “Simulation” (Feat. Swamp Dogg & Justin Vernon) -**  
<https://youtu.be/bC5HsfZT5pg>

**Purchase/Stream “You and I” (Silver Apples Cover) -**  
[https://lnk.to/You\\_and\\_I](https://lnk.to/You_and_I)

**Watch Video For “You and I” (Silver Apples Cover) -**  
<https://youtu.be/4VILaJYPS-4>

**Pre-order *Startisha* -**

<https://lnk.to/Simulation>

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