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Ducks Ltd. Shares New Single/Video “[How Lonely Are You? \(Feat. The Beths\)](#)”

Announces NYC Release Show + UK Tour

Debut Album *Modern Fiction* Out October 1st On Carpark Records



(Composited image by Rob Carmichael, Photos by Christiane Johnson and Laura Hermiston)

“with a Smiths-like soundscape and nonchalant vocals...[‘18 Cigarettes’] is an easygoing summer ballad with a sentimental aura.” - *Stereogum*

“[‘18 Cigarettes’] is squarely in the duo’s jangle-pop sweet spot, with hot-knife guitars and thrumming bass acting as its revving engine...over its soaring choruses.” - *Paste*

“you can’t deny the power of a pair of non-Kiwis saying shit like ‘gilded portico’ with a perfect jangle pop accent.” - *FLOOD*

Ducks Ltd. - the Toronto duo of **Tom McGreevy** and **Evan Lewis** (fka **Ducks Unlimited**) - shares the new single/video, “[How Lonely Are You?](#),” featuring harmonies from labelmates

The Beths. Taken from their debut album *Modern Fiction*, out **October 1st on Carpark Records**, “How Lonely Are You?” follows lead single “[18 Cigarettes](#).” Bright, hurried guitar and taut percussion give way to **McGreevy’s** dreamy vocals, as he sings an ode to friendship at a distance. *“This song is about personal connection in an environment that is hostile to it, and about friendships with people who are physically distant,”* McGreevy explains. *“Me and Evan have both moved around a lot, and have friends in far off places we don’t see as often as we’d like. In fact, we partly made this record while Evan was living in Australia and I was in Toronto. Some of those friendships are extremely important to me, and the song is kind of about grasping for those lifelines when it’s particularly difficult to believe that things are going to work out, or if there’s even any point in trying.”*

The video, directed by [John Smith](#), meanders between shots of Tom on the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls border, and Evan on the American side. *“Me and Evan had not been in the same country for about 5 months when this video was shot,”* says McGreevy. *“He’d been in Australia and I was stuck in Canada owing to the COVID border rules. Those rules made it complicated for him to return to Canada for a minute so he was in the US and Niagara Falls was the closest we could get to each other. Making something that involved us being separated by a border (and a million billion gallons of water), and experiencing two parallel weird tourist towns felt like a good fit with what the song is about. It didn’t make the final cut, but we waved to each other over the falls through binoculars at one point. First time we’d seen each other since February!”*

[Watch Ducks Ltd.’s Video for “How Lonely Are You?”](#)

Across *Modern Fiction*, Ducks Ltd. sharpen their fondness for boundless jangle-pop. Echoes of ‘80s indie pop abound, but they never overwhelm. Across 10 cheery-sounding songs, they explore contemporary society in decline, examining large scale human disaster through personal turmoil.

Writing *Modern Fiction* was intimate and collaborative. McGreevy would draft a song’s nucleus on an unplugged electric guitar before bringing it over to Lewis’ apartment. There the pair sat, placing percussive drum machine beats under nascent melodies, passing a bass back and forth, and adding organs and bridges where necessary. *Modern Fiction* and its masterful melodies and depressive fun confirms it: great things are here, and sometimes, all you need is a good friend to realize it.

[Watch Ducks Ltd.’s Video for “How Lonely Are You?”](#)

[Watch “18 Cigarettes” Video](#)

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Ducks Ltd. Tour Dates

Fri. Oct. 1, 2021 - Toronto, ON @ The Garrison w/ Jane Inc. and Sister Ray

Sun. Oct. 10, 2021 - Brooklyn, NY @ The Broadway w/ Emily Reo

Sat. Feb. 19, 2022 - Brighton, UK @ The Green Door Store

Sun. Feb. 20, 2022 - London, UK @ Windmill Brixton

Tue. Feb. 22, 2022 @ Bristol, UK @ The Crofters Rights

Thu. Feb. 24, 2022 - Cardiff, UK @ Clwb Ifor Bach

Fri. Feb. 25, 2022 - Birmingham, UK @ The Victoria

Sat. Feb. 26, 2022 - Manchester, UK @ YES (Mood Swings Nights)

Sun. Feb. 27, 2022 - Edinburgh, UK @ Sneaky Pete’s

Mon. Feb. 28, 2022 - Glasgow, UK @ Broadcast

Tue. March 2, 2022 - Leeds, UK @ Headrow House

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