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**BIG THIEF ANNOUNCE NEW ALBUM,
DRAGON NEW WARM MOUNTAIN I BELIEVE IN YOU,
OUT FEBRUARY 11TH ON 4AD**

LISTEN TO MOMENTOUS NEW SINGLE, "[TIME ESCAPING](#)"

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“One of the things that bonds us together as a band is pure magic. I think we all have the same guide and none of us have ever spoken what it is because we couldn’t name it, but somehow, we are all going for the same thing, and when we hit it... we all know it’s it, but none of us to this day, or maybe ever, will be able to articulate in words what the ‘it’ is. Something about it is magic to me.” - Adrienne Lenker

Big Thief announce their new album, *Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe In You*, out **February 11th on 4AD**, and share a momentous new single, "**Time Escaping**." *Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe in You* is a sprawling double-LP exploring the deepest elements and possibilities of Big Thief. To truly dig into all that the music of **Adrienne Lenker, Max Oleartchik, Buck Meek, and James Krivchenia** desired in 2020, the band decided to write and record a rambling account of growth as individuals, musicians, and chosen family over 4 distinct recording sessions. In Upstate New York, Topanga Canyon, The Rocky Mountains, and Tucson, Arizona, Big Thief spent 5 months in creation and came out with 45 completed songs. The most resonant of this material was edited down into the 20 tracks that make up *DNWMIBIY*, a fluid and adventurous listen. The album was produced by drummer James Krivchenia who initially pitched the recording concept for *DNWMIBIY* back in late 2019 with the goal of encapsulating the many different aspects of Adrienne's songwriting and the band onto a single record.

In an attempt to ease back into life as Big Thief after a long stretch of Covid-19 related isolation, the band met up for their first session in the woods of upstate New York. They started the process at **Sam Evian's Flying Cloud Recordings**, recording on an 8-track tape machine with Evian at the knobs. It took a while for the band to realign and for the first week of working in the studio, nothing felt right. After a few un-inspired takes the band decided to take an ice-cold dip in the creek behind the house before running back to record in wet swimsuits. That cool water blessing stayed with Big Thief through the rest of the summer and many more intuitive, recording rituals followed. It was here that the band procured "**Certainty**" and "**Sparrow**."

For the next session in Topanga Canyon, California, the band intended to explore their bombastic desires and lay down some sonic revelry in the experimental soundscape-friendly hands of engineer **Shawn Everett**. Several of the songs from this session lyrically explore the areas of Lenker's thought process that she describes as "*unabashedly as psychedelic as I naturally think*," including "**Little Things**," which came out of this session. The prepared acoustic guitars and huge stomp beat of today's "Time Escaping" create a matching, otherworldly backdrop for the subconscious dream of timeless, infinite mystery. When her puppy Oso ran into the vocal booth during the final take of the song, Adrienne looked down and spoke "*It's Music!*" to explain in the best terms possible the reality of what was going on to the confused dog. "*It's Music Oso!*"

[LISTEN TO BIG THIEF'S "TIME ESCAPING"](#)

The third session, high in the Colorado Rockies, was set up to be a more traditional Big Thief recording experience, working with **UFOF** and **Two Hands** engineer **Dom Monks**. Monks' attentiveness to song energies and reverence for the first take has

become a huge part of the magic of Thief's recent output. One afternoon in the castle-like studio, the band was running through a brand new song "**Change**" for the first time. Right when they thought it might be time to do a take, Monks came out of the booth to let them know that he'd captured the practice and it was perfect as it was.

The final session, in hot-as-heaven Tucson, Arizona, took place in the home studio of **Scott McMicken**. The several months of recording had caught up to Big Thief at this point so, in order to bring in some new energy, they invited long-time friend **Mat Davidson** of **Twain** to join. This was the first time that Big Thief had ever brought in a 5th instrumentalist for such a significant contribution. His fiddle, and vocals weave a heavy presence throughout the Tucson tracks. If the album's main through-line is its free-play, anything-is-possible energy, then this environment was the perfect spot to conclude its creation — filling the messy living room with laughter, letting the fire blaze in the backyard, and ripping spontaneous, extended jams as trains whistled outside.

All 4 of these sessions, in their varied states of fidelity, style, and mood, when viewed together as one album seem to stand for a more honest, zoomed-out picture of lived experience than would be possible on a traditional, 12 song record. This was exactly what the band hoped would be the outcome of this kind of massive experiment. When Max's mom asked on a phone call what it feels like to be back together with the band playing music for the first time in a year, he described to the best of abilities: "Well it's like, we're a band, we talk, we have different dynamics, we do the breaths, and then we go on stage and suddenly it feels like we are now on a dragon. And we can't really talk because we have to steer this dragon."

The attempt to capture something deeper, wider, and full of mystery, points to the inherent spirit of Big Thief. Traces of this open-hearted, non-dogmatic faith can be felt through previous albums, but here on *Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe In You* lives the strongest testament to its existence.

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DRAGON NEW WARM MOUNTAIN I BELIEVE IN YOU TRACKLIST

1. Change
2. Time Escaping

3. Spud Infinity
4. Certainty
5. Dragon New Warm Mountain I Believe in You
6. Sparrow
7. Little Things
8. Heavy Bend
9. Flower of Blood
10. Blurred View
11. Red Moon
12. Dried Roses
13. No Reason
14. Wake Me up to Drive
15. Promise Is a Pendulum
16. 12,000 Lines
17. Simulation Swarm
18. Love Love Love
19. The Only Place
20. Blue Lightning

BIG THIEF TOUR DATES

- Mon. Jan. 31, 2022 - Lille, FR @ L'Aéronef
Tue. Feb. 1, 2022 - Paris, FR @ La Cigale
Fri. Feb. 4, 2022 - Bordeaux, FR @ Rock School Barbey
Sat. Feb. 5, 2022 - Barcelona, ES @ Sala Apolo
Mon. Feb. 7, 2022 - Lyon, FR @ Le Transbordeur
Tue. Feb. 8, 2022 - Strasbourg, FR @ La Laiterie Artefact
Wed. Feb. 9, 2022 - Zurich, CH @ Kaufleuten
Thu. Feb. 10, 2022 - Munich, DE @ Cafe Muffathalle
Sat. Feb. 12, 2022 - Prague, CZ @ MeetFactory
Sun. Feb. 13, 2022 - Berlin, DE @ Huxleys Neue Welt
Mon. Feb. 14, 2022 - Aarhus, DK @ Voxhall
Tue. Feb. 15, 2022 - Copenhagen, DK @ VEGA
Wed. Feb. 16, 2022 - Hamburg, DE @ Fabrik
Fri. Feb. 18, 2022 - Cologne, DE @ Live Music Hall
Sat. Feb. 19, 2022 - Brussels, BE @ Cirque Royal
Mon. Feb. 21, 2022 - Utrecht, NL @ TivoliVredenburg
Tue. Feb. 22, 2022 - Groningen, NL @ De Oosterpoort
Thu. Feb. 24, 2022 - Manchester, GB @ Manchester Academy 1
Fri. Feb. 25, 2022 - Glasgow, GB @ Barrowland Ballroom
Sat. Feb. 26, 2022 - Dublin, IE @ The National Stadium
Sun. Feb. 27, 2022 - Bristol, UK @ O2 Academy Bristol

Wed. Mar. 2, 2022 - London, GB @ 02 Shepherd's Bush Empire
Thu. Mar. 3, 2022 - London, GB @ 02 Shepherd's Bush Empire
Fri. Mar. 4, 2022 - London, GB @ 02 Shepherd's Bush Empire - SOLD OUT
Tue. Apr. 12, 2022 - Ithaca, NY @ State Theatre of Ithaca
Wed. Apr. 13, 2022 - Boston, MA @ Roadrunner
Fri. Apr. 15, 2022 - Brooklyn, NY @ Kings Theatre
Sat. Apr. 16, 2022 - Brooklyn, NY @ Kings Theatre
Mon. Apr. 18, 2022 - Montreal, QUE @ L'Olympia
Tue. Apr. 19, 2022 - Toronto, ON @ Massey Hall
Thu. Apr. 21, 2022 - Washington, DC @ The Anthem
Fri. Apr. 22, 2022 - Cleveland, OH @ Agora Theatre
Sat. Apr. 23, 2022 - Royal Oak, MI @ Royal Oak Music Theatre
Mon. Apr. 25, 2022 - Chicago, IL @ Riviera Theatre
Tue. Apr. 26, 2022 - Milwaukee, WI @ The Pabst Theater
Wed. Apr. 27, 2022 - St. Paul, MN @ Palace Theatre
Fri. Apr. 29, 2022 - Denver, CO @ Ogden Theatre
Sat. Apr. 30, 2022 - Salt Lake City, UT @ Metro Music Hall
Mon. May 2, 2022 - Seattle, WA @ Paramount Theatre
Tue. May 3, 2022 - Portland, OR @ Roseland Theater
Wed. May 4, 2022 - Portland, OR @ Roseland Theater
Sat. May 07, 2022 - Oakland, CA @ Fox Theater
Tue. May 10, 2022 - Los Angeles, CA @ The Wiltern Theatre
Wed. May 11, 2022 - Los Angeles, CA @ The Wiltern Theatre
Fri. May 12, 2022 - San Diego, CA @ The Observatory North Park
Sat. May 14, 2022 - Pioneertown, CA @ Pappy & Harriet's - SOLD OUT
Sun. May 15, 2022 - Pioneertown, CA @ Pappy & Harriet's
Thu. Jun. 9, 2022 - Barcelona, ES @ Primavera Sound 2022
Sun. June 12, 2022 - Berlin, DE @ Tempelhof Sounds



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