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Cate Le Bon Releases New Single/Video, “[Moderation](#)”

New Album, *Pompeii*, Out February 4, 2022 on Mexican Summer

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“Moderation” video still by Giraffe Studios

“[Cate Le Bon]’s gifts for unruliness, absurdity, and obliqueness have only heightened.”
- *Pitchfork*

"This time... things are a little more uneasy, and that tension is what makes 'Running Away' so exciting." - *PAPER*

"Cate Le Bon’s new album *Pompeii* is knotty and ambitious, touching on societal decline and the impending threat of climate change. But that doesn’t mean it’s not fun, and 'Running [Away]' is proof of that." - *The FADER*

“[‘Running Away’ is] impeccably textured, with tons of cool guitarwork and echoes rippling under the surface.” - *Stereogum*

Today, **Cate Le Bon** presents a new single/video, “**Moderation**,” off of her forthcoming album, ***Pompeii***, out **February 4, 2022** on **Mexican Summer**. The songs of *Pompeii* feel suspended in time, both of the moment and instant but reactionary and Dada-esque in their insistence to be playful, satirical, and surreal. From the spirited, strutting bass fretwork of “Moderation,” to the sax-swagger of lead single, “**Running Away**,” a tale exquisite in nature but ultimately doomed, escapism lives as a foil to the outside world. *Pompeii*’s audacious tribute to memory, compassion, and mortal salience is here to stay. Le Bon says “Moderation” is “*a nod to the daily dilemma of trying to curb inherited and novel habits, when you want to eat the moon, and an essay written by the architect Lina Bo Bardi in 1958 that continues to kick hard.*” The striking video was directed by **Juliana** and **Nicola Giraffe** of [Giraffe Studios](#) and filmed through a window of Bo Bardi’s.

[Watch Cate Le Bon’s Video for “Moderation”](#)

Pompeii is Le Bon’s sixth studio album, and the follow-up to 2019’s **Reward**. Written primarily on bass, Le Bon plays every instrument (except drums and saxophones) and recorded the album largely by herself with long-term collaborator and co-producer **Samur Khouja** in Cardiff, Wales. Enforced time and space pushed boundaries, leading to an even more extreme version of Le Bon’s studio process – as exits were sealed, she granted herself “*permission to annihilate identity.*” A global pandemic plus climate emergency’s colliding eco-traumas resonate all too eerily. “*What would be your last gesture?*” she asks. But *Pompeii* reaches past the current crises to tap into what Le Bon calls “*an economy of time warp*” where life roils, bubbles, wrinkles, melts, hardens, and reconfigures unpredictably, like lava—or sound, rather.

Over the past few years, Le Bon has emerged as a sought-after collaborator, producing albums for **Deerhunter**, **John Grant**, **Devendra Banhart** and more. In 2019, she joined **John Cale** for a three-night live stretch in Paris, and this year, she guests on **Courtney Barnett**’s just released album. As Bradford Cox aptly notes, “*there are artists who look inwards or outwards, and then there are the very rare ones who transcend either location.*”

[Watch the “Running Away” Video](#)

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Cate Le Bon 2022 Tour Dates

Sun. Feb. 6 - Woodstock, NY @ Colony
Tue. Feb. 8 - New York, NY @ Bowery Ballroom
Wed. Feb. 9 - New York, NY @ Bowery Ballroom
Fri. Feb. 11 - Toronto, ON @ Great Hall
Mon. Feb. 14 - Chicago, IL @ Thalia Hall
Wed. Feb. 16 - Portland, OR @ Wonder Ballroom
Thu. Feb. 17 - Seattle, WA @ Crocodile
Sat. Feb. 19 - San Francisco, CA @ Great American Music Hall

Sun. Feb. 20 - San Luis Obispo, CA @ The Rock / SLO Brew Music Hall
Thu. Feb. 24 - Los Angeles, CA @ Teragram Ballroom
Sat. Feb. 26 - Pioneertown, CA @ Pappy's
Mon. March 14 - Southampton, UK @ Engine Rooms
Tue. March 15 - London, UK @ Hackney Empire
Wed. March 16 - Manchester, UK @ Albert Hall
Thu. March 17 - Glasgow, UK @ Queen Margaret Union
Fri. March 18 - Belfast, IE @ Empire Music Hall
Sat. March 19 - Dublin, IE @ The National Concert Hall
Mon. March 21 - Liverpool, UK @ Arts Club
Tue. March 22 - Leeds, UK @ Irish Centre
Wed. March 23 - Birmingham, UK @ The Mill
Mon. March 28 - Lille, FR @ L'Aeronef
Tue. March 29 - Paris, FR @ La Maroquinerie
Thu. March 31 - Lyon, FR @ Epicerie Moderne
Fri. April 1 - Zurich, CH @ Bogen F
Sat. April 2 - Schorndorf, DE @ Manufaktur
Sun. April 3 - Leipzig, DE @ UT Connewitz
Tue. April 5 - Berlin, DE @ Frantz Club
Wed. April 6 - Hamburg, DE @ Nochtspeicher
Thu. April 7 - Hus 7 / Slaktkyrkan @ Stockholm, SE
Fri. April 8 - Oslo, NO @ Parkteatre
Sat. April 9 - Copenhagen, DK @ Small Vega
Mon. April 11 - Brussels, BE @ AB Box
Tue. April 12 - Amsterdam, NL @ Paradiso

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