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**The Beths Announce New Album *Expert In A Dying Field*  
Out September 16th on Carpark Records**

**Watch the Video for New Single “[Silence Is Golden](#)”**

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Today, **The Beths** announce their new album, *Expert In A Dying Field*, out **September 16th on Carpark Records**, and share the new single/video, “[Silence Is Golden](#).” On *Expert In A Dying Field*, **Elizabeth Stokes**’ songwriting positions her somewhere between being a novelist and a documentarian. The songs collected here are autobiographical, but they’re also character sketches of relationships – platonic, familial, romantic – and more importantly, their aftermaths. The shapes and ghosts left in absences. The question that hangs in the air: what

do you do with how intimately versed you've become in a person, once they're gone from your life?

The third LP from the New Zealand quartet houses 12 jewels of tight, guitar-heavy songs that worm their way into your head, an incandescent collision of power-pop and skuzz. With *Expert*, The Beths wanted to make an album meant to be experienced live, for both the listeners and themselves. They wanted it to be fun -- to hear, to play -- in spite of the prickling anxiety throughout the lyrics, the fear of change and struggle to cope. *Expert* is an extension of the same sonic palette the band has built across their catalog, pop hooks embedded in incisive indie rock.

Most of *Expert* was recorded at guitarist **Jonathan Pearce**'s studio on Karangahape Road in Tāmaki Makaurau, Aotearoa (Auckland, New Zealand) -- and sometimes in the building's cavernous stairwell at 1AM -- toward the end of 2021, until they were interrupted by a four-month national lockdown. They traded notes remotely for months, songwriting from afar and fleshing out the arrangements alone, the first time they'd written together in such a way. The following February, The Beths left the country for the first time in more than two years to tour across the US, and simultaneously finish mixing the album on the road. That latter half felt more collaborative, with everyone on-hand to trade notes in real time, until it all culminated in a chaotic three-day studio mad-dash in Los Angeles. There, *Expert* finally became the record they were hearing in their heads.

The result is a capsule of The Beths' most electrifying and exciting output, a sonic spectrum. "Silence is Golden," with its propulsive drum line and stop-start staccato of a guitar line winding up and down, is one of the band's sharpest and most driving. "The song is about stress and anxiety manifesting as an intolerance to noise," says Stokes. "Where each new sound makes you more and more stressed."

### [Watch The Beths' Video for "Silence Is Golden"](#)

There's a certain chaos across *Expert*'s 12 tracks, the palpable joy of playing music with long-time friends colliding with the raw nerves of pain. Stokes strings it all together through her singular songwriting lens, earnest and self-effacing, zeroing in on the granules of doubt and how they snowball. Did I do the wrong thing? Or did you? And are we still good people at the end of it? She isn't interested in villains, but instead interested in just telling the story. That insecurity and thoughtfulness, translated into universality and understanding, has been the guiding light of The Beths' output since 2016. In the face of pain, there's no dwelling on

internal anguish - instead, through The Beths' music, our shortcomings are met with acceptance. And *Expert In A Dying Field* is the most tactile that tenderness has been.

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#### ***Expert In A Dying Field* Tracklist**

1. Expert In A Dying Field
2. Knees Deep
3. Silence Is Golden
4. Your Side
5. I Want To Listen
6. Head In The Clouds
7. Best Left
8. Change In The Weather
9. When You Know You Know
10. A Passing Rain
11. I Told You That I Was Afraid
12. 2am

#### **The Beths Tour Dates**

**Tickets available from [thebeths.com](http://thebeths.com)**

- Sun. Jul. 24 - Seattle, WA @ Capitol Hill Block Party
- Mon. Jul. 25 - Vancouver, BC @ Biltmore Cabaret
- Fri. Jul. 29 - Brooklyn, NY @ BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival
- Sun. Jul. 31 - Denver, CO @ UMS - The Underground Music Showcase
- Tue. Aug. 2 - San Diego, CA @ Belly Up Tavern
- Wed. Aug. 3 - Santa Ana, CA @ The Observatory
- Thu. Aug. 4 - Santa Barbara, CA @ SoHo Restaurant & Music Club
- Fri. Aug. 5 - San Francisco, CA @ Outside Lands Music Festival
- Sun. Aug. 7 - Salt Lake City, UT @ Urban Lounge
- Wed. Aug. 10 - Davenport, IA @ Raccoon Motel
- Thu. Aug. 11 - Cleveland, OH @ Grog Shop
- Sat. Aug. 13 - North Adams, MA @ Here and There Festival, Mass MoCA
- Sun. Aug. 14 - Toronto, ON @ Lee's Palace
- Mon. Aug. 15 - Detroit, MI @ The Magic Bag
- Tue. Aug. 16 - Chicago, IL @ Here and There Festival, Salt Shed
- Thu. Aug. 18 - St. Louis, MO @ Blueberry Hill

Fri. Aug. 19 - Indianapolis, IN @ Hi-Fi  
Sat. Aug. 20 - Covington, KY (Cincinnati) @ Madison Live  
Mon. Aug. 22 - Durham, NC @ Motorco Music Hall  
Tue. Aug. 23 - Richmond, VA @ The Broadberry  
Thu. Aug. 25 - Baltimore, MD @ Ottobar  
Fri. Aug. 26 - Asbury Park, NJ @ Asbury Lanes  
Sat. Aug. 27 - Portland, ME @ Portland House of Music & Events  
Sun. Aug. 28 - Montreal, QC @ Bar Le Ritz  
Wed. Aug. 31 - Pittsburgh, PA @ Spirit Hall  
Thu. Sep. 1 - Columbus, OH @ A&R Music Bar

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