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The Beths Share “[Expert In A Dying Field](#)” From New Album Out September 16th On Carpark Records

North American Tour Begins This Month



Photo by Frances Carter

“Elizabeth Stokes is desperate for some peace and quiet on ‘Silence Is Golden’ [...] Antic percussion and squalling guitars mimic the anxiety induced by an avalanche of urban distractions, like sirens, jet planes and ‘6 a.m. construction’” - *The New York Times*

The Beths share the new single/video, “[Expert In A Dying Field](#),” from their new album, ***Expert In A Dying Field***, out **September 16th** on **Carpark Records**. “Expert In A Dying Field” introduces the thesis for the record: “*How does it feel to be an expert in a dying field? How do you know it’s over when you can’t let go?*” **Elizabeth Stokes** sings. The question 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? “*Love is learned over time ‘till you’re an expert in a dying field.*”

“*I really do believe that love is learned over time,*” explains Stokes. “*In the course of knowing a person you accumulate so much information: their favorite movies, how they take their tea, how to make them laugh, how that makes you feel. And when relationships between people change,*

or end, all that knowledge doesn't just disappear. The phrase 'Expert in a Dying Field' had been floating around my head for a few years, I was glad to finally capture it when writing this tune."

[Watch "Expert In A Dying Field"](#)

Densely littered with melodic hooks and the incisive phrasing that Stokes has become known for, the driving verses of 'Expert In A Dying Field' intentionally contrast with a restrained, delicate chorus. Here, the stripped-back instrumentation acutely hones in on Stokes' emotive vocals. The accompanying video, directed by **Frances Carter**, honors this intimacy and vulnerability. Carefully placed relics and symbolic totems strewn about a charming, white-washed home evoke a sense of nostalgia and sentimentality. While Stokes sings directly to the camera, her bandmates play their instruments and sing backing vocals in various parts of the home, surrounded by treasures laden with meaning and memory. It's an evocative series of vignettes that perfectly match the song's bittersweet themes and culminates in a joyful, heart-stirring full band performance that shows off The Beths' unparalleled four-part vocal harmonies.

On *Expert In A Dying Field*, Stokes' songwriting positions her somewhere between novelist and documentarian. Across 12 tight, guitar-heavy jewels, Stokes traverses the autobiographical, but also presents character sketches of relationships – platonic, familial, romantic – and more importantly, their aftermaths.

Expert In A Dying Field is an incandescent collision of power-pop and skuzz, filled with songs that worm their way into your head. 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.

Watch:

["Expert In A Dying Field"](#)

["Silence Is Golden"](#)

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The Beths Tour Dates

Tickets available from 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 @ 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 PDB
Wed. Aug. 31 - Pittsburgh, PA @ Spirit Hall
Thu. Sep. 1 - Columbus, OH @ A&R Music Bar
Thu. Sep. 15 - Melbourne, AU @ 170 Russell
Fri. Sep. 16 - Sydney, AU @ Metro Theatre
Sat. Sep. 17 - Brisbane, AU @ The Triffid
Tue. Sep. 20 - Adelaide, AU @ The Gov
Wed. Sep. 21 - Perth, AU @ Magnet House
Fri. Sep. 23 - Wellington, NZ @ Opera House
Sat. Sep. 24 - Nelson, NZ @ Theatre Royal
Fri. Sep. 30 - Christchurch, NZ @ James Hay Theatre
Sat. Oct. 1 - Dunedin, NZ @ The Glenroy
Fri. Oct. 7 - Auckland, NZ @ Auckland Town Hall

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<https://thebethsnz.bandcamp.com/>

<https://soundcloud.com/thebethsnz>

<https://www.patreon.com/thebeths>

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/artist/the-beths/1110150231>

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