



On Friday, My Morning Jacket finally released *The Waterfall II*, an album recorded in the mid-2010s. On *The Waterfall*, My Morning Jacket sounded determined to remind fans of the monolithic jams they made their name with in the '00s. The sequel, however, carries no such pretenses. Even the hardest rocking track, "Wasted," which settles on a surly guitar groove accented with punchy horns, feels more like an invitation to explore the darkest corners of innerspace than a call to party. In that way, *The Waterfall II* feels (apologies for using a corny term) more honest. Much of the record is composed of bleary-eyed, pedal steel-laced ballads that dwell ruefully on loss and aspire gorgeously to a state of healing, creating an all-too-relatable vibe of heartsick restlessness driven by a desperate desire to believe that tomorrow will somehow be better. So we guess it really is relevant to our endless now after all. Read Uproxx's review [here](#).

-- Steven Hyden, Uproxx Cultural Critic and author of *This Isn't Happening: Radiohead's "Kid A" And The Beginning Of The 21st Century*

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In case you missed it...

Our [YouTube channel](#) is still growing, adding new official music videos every week from **My Bloody Valentine**, **The Replacements**, **Tori Amos**, and more.

The Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame has **cancelled** this year's induction ceremony, and replaced it with a pre-taped ceremony that will broadcast on HBO.

More **European festivals** have been announced for 2021, with Portugal's **NOS Alive** and Spain's **Mad Cool Festival** sharing their lineups for next year's installment.

There's new *Tron* movie in the works, and it **looks like Daft Punk** could be on board to do the score.

We **talked** to **Retirement Party** about their excellent new album *Runaway Dog* and what comes next for the band.

The latest **Indie Mixtape 20 Q&A** is with **Del Paxton**, who just wish that people would think their band was from the '90s.

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OPENING TRACKS



SUFJAN STEVENS

If the early songs are any indication, the upcoming Sufjan Stevens album *The Ascension* is going to be the most epic release of his career. A companion to the recent 12-minute A-side “America,” Stevens’ new song “My Rajneesh” clocks in at a relatively brisk 10 minutes, unfolding like a suite.

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ILLUMINATI HOTTIES

The debut album from this excellent project fronted by singer/songwriter/producer Sarah Tudzin, *Kiss Yr Frenemies*, was one of our favorite albums of 2018. For her follow-up record, Tudzin has made an eclectic and snarky kiss-off to her record label, a mixtape called *Free I.H.: This Is Not The One You've Been Waiting For*

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JULIANNA BARWICK

This enchanting singer-songwriter creates glacially paced soundscapes that build from atmospheric murmurs to quietly roaring storms. Her latest album, *Healing Is A Miracle*, is her first album in four years, and finds her collaborating with like-minded friends like Jonsi from Sigur Ros. You won't find a more soothing (or haunting) quarantine soundtrack.

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DEEP CUTS



THE FRONT BOTTOMS

This New Jersey duo sounds more polished than ever on their new album *In Sickness & In Flames*. They've already shared three



PEEL DREAM MAGAZINE

The most addictive album that we've come across lately here at Indie Mixtape HQ has to be

singles from the album, which is their first since 2017's *Going Grey*, and finds the band trying to make sense of the world while delivering their trademark positive energy.

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Agitprop Alterna, the latest from Brooklyn dream pop band Peel Dream Magazine. While the group wears its influences plainly — Stereolab, early-'90s Yo La Tengo, My Bloody Valentine — their songwriting is consistently hooky.

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VINYL OF THE WEEK

THE FRONT BOTTOMS — 'IN SICKNESS & IN FLAMES'



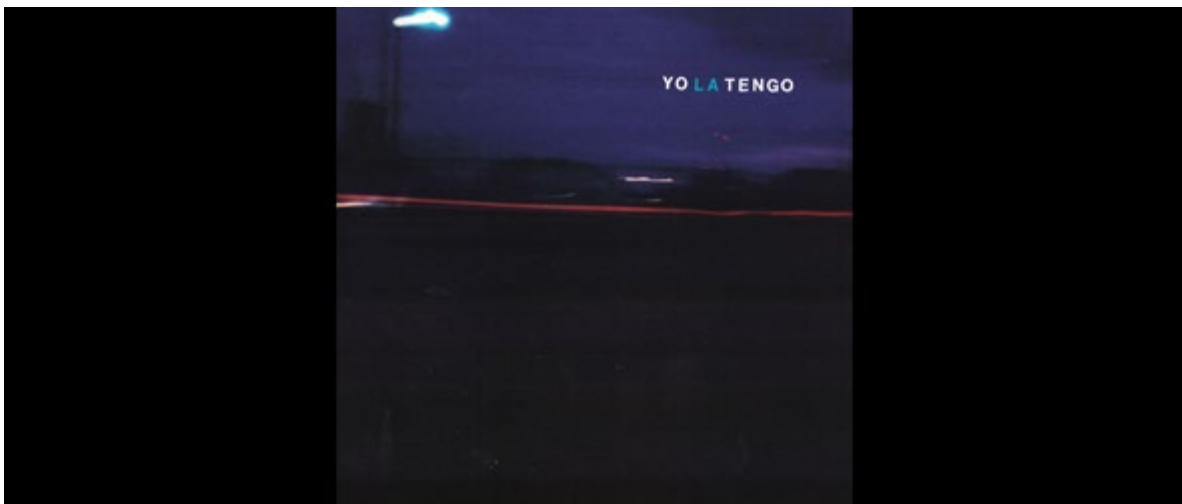
The Front Bottoms are back with their first new album since 2017's *Going Grey*. The twelve-track effort finds the band at their most creative and

exciting, joining forces with producer Mike Sapone to put an emphasis on songwriting and arrangements. The album is available to pre-order now in a variety of bundles that include vinyl and some exclusive merch. Don't miss out.

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THROWBACK

'PAINFUL' by YO LA TENGO

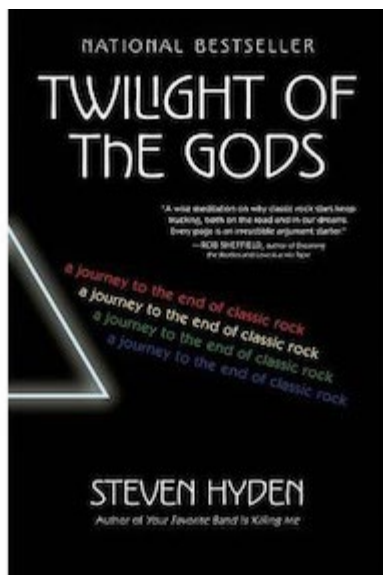


One album that we reached for after jamming on the Peel Dream Magazine record was this 1993 indie classic, one of the very best releases by one of the very best indie bands ever. Just try to find a better combination of melody and drone.

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LINER NOTES

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Steven Hyden's forthcoming book, *This Isn't Happening: Radiohead's Kid A and The Beginning Of The 21st Century*, comes out in just two months. You can preorder here.

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