



In 2020, the 31-year-old singer-songwriter Bartees Strange has defined himself as one of most exciting emerging artists in indie by releasing two startling albums. In March, he put out *Say Goodbye To Pretty Boy*, a collection of mostly covers by one of his favorite bands, The National, plus a handful of excellent originals. In Strange's hands, The National's nervy, cinematic dirges are transformed — "Lemonworld" is remade as a melodramatic emo-rock anthem, and "All The Wine" becomes a glitchy, atmospheric electro-ballad. All the while, Strange's casual prolificacy with melding guitar rock with R&B, hip-hop, and EDM styles is stunningly showcased. Strange takes this approach even further with *Live Forever*, an album written entirely by Strange that he considers his proper debut. While *Live Forever* clocks in at a relatively brisk 36 minutes, it feels more epic than that, moving from the rousing synth-rock of "Mustang" to the murky space-soul of "Mossblerd" to the rambling, desolate folk of "Far." Read more about Bartees Strange here.

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

In case you missed it...

Our YouTube channel is still growing with a collection of classic music videos from **My Bloody Valentine**, **Tori Amos**, **Fountains Of Wayne**, and more.

The new episode of *Indiecast* looks back on **Radiohead**'s career in the

'90s and how it all changed twenty years ago.

Michelle Zauner, also known as **Japanese Breakfast**, has officially announced her first memoir. *Crying In H Mart* will hit shelves in April 2021.

Mick Fleetwood recreated the viral TikTok featuring a skateboarder rolling along while sipping cranberry juice and listening to Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams." The Headless Horseman also joined in on the fun with a Pumpkin Spice Latte.

The latest **Indie Mixtape 20 Q&A** is with Nana Adjoa, who still loves her father's cooking more than anything.

The battle rages on between Dave Grohl and a 10-year-old...

Watch Nandi Bushell's original song "Rock And Grohl"



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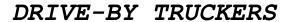


JONSI

The Sigur Ros frontman has been plenty busy in the past two decade, working on two Sigur Ros albums (*Valtari* and *Kveikur*) as well as two records with Swedish artist Carl Michael von Hausswolff. But Friday's release of *Shiver* will mark his first solo LP output since 2010.

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LAURA JANE GRACE

These southern rock legends already put out one great record in 2020, *The Unraveling*, back in January. Now the band is back with a surprise album, *The New OK*, that dropped on Friday.

Originating as an EP, the band was inspired to expand the record with new songs written about the tumultuous year.

Speaking of surprise albums, the firebrand frontwoman of Against Me! put out her own record, *Stay Alive*, last week. Originally intended as an Against Me! album, Grace was inspired to take her latest songs and make a solo record during the pandemic. The result is a hard-charging acoustic set.

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DEEP CUTS





SHAMIR

This polymath Las Vegas singersongwriter covers an impressive range of sonic bases on his seventh full-length record, *Shamir*. While he made his name with infectious, danceable indie pop, his new album is all over the map,

METZ

This rambunctious Canadian punk band has been turning out riff-y. shout-y, and all-around fun rock songs since the early 2010s. Their fourth album due out Friday, *Atlas Vending*, is their first to come out in three years. But the passage of

encompassing pop, rock, electronic, and even some bluegrass music, resulting in one of 2020's most adventurous indie records. time has done nothing to tame this rabid beast of a band.

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VINYL OF THE WEEK

DAVID BOWIE - 'OUVREZ LE CHIEN (LIVE DALLAS 95)' (2LP)

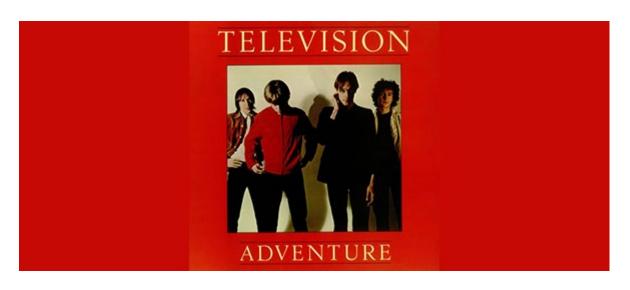


Recorded live at the Starplex Amphitheater in Dallas on October 13, 1995, during the US leg of the *Outside* tour, *Ouvrez Le Chien* is being released on LP for the very first time as a strictly limited number and pressed on 180g audiophile vinyl. The live album arrives as part of the ongoing *Brilliant Live Adventures* set, which contains six exclusive and limited edition live albums providing an exciting snapshot of three Bowie tours from the 1990s. These albums show how great a performer Bowie still was, three decades into his career.

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THROWBACK

'ADVENTURE' by TELEVISION



The all-time classic debut Television album, *Marquee Moon*, gets all the love. But the band's second LP, *Adventure*, is also worth checking out, finding the band further refining its forward-looking guitar-rock punk.

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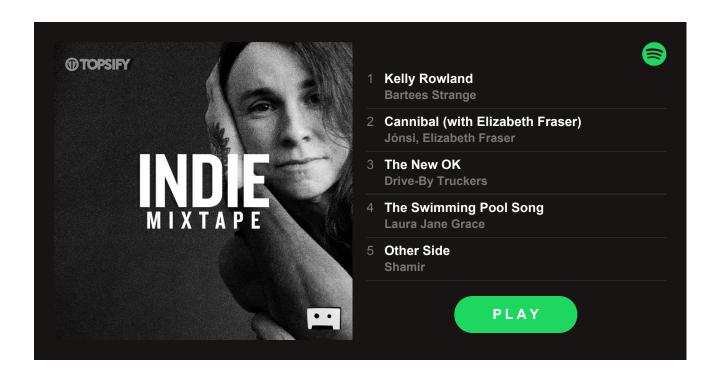
LINER NOTES



TOM PETTY'S BEST SONGS, RANKED

Last week marked the anniversary of Tom Petty's death. In honor of his incredible and lasting impact, we ranked his 100 best songs.

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