



In 2020, the 31-year-old singer-songwriter Barteels 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 Barteels 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"



OPENING TRACKS



JONSI

The Sigur Rós frontman has been plenty busy in the past two decade, working on two Sigur Rós 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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DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS



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.

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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 singer-songwriter 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.

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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.


[CHECK IT OUT](#)



- 1 **Kelly Rowland**
Bartees Strange
- 2 **Cannibal (with Elizabeth Fraser)**
Jónsi, Elizabeth Fraser
- 3 **The New OK**
Drive-By Truckers
- 4 **The Swimming Pool Song**
Laura Jane Grace
- 5 **Other Side**
Shamir

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