



"FAR FROM THIS WORLD"

A NEW ALBUM FROM ORCHID MANTIS

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press statement

“I found the cover art for Far From This World in an old photo album just a few weeks ago. I don’t know when it was taken, probably over a decade ago, but that field and the dirt road look just how I remember them as a kid. I keep thinking about that spot, and how far it feels from everything in my life now. While writing and recording this album, I moved back home after the dissolution of a 3-year relationship, graduated from college, and moved again. Many things changed, fell apart, and were rebuilt.

This is the first thing I’ve recorded that doesn’t feel retrospective or past-oriented. The oldest songs on this album fill out the first half, written in the summer and winter of 2019, when things still felt normal. The latter half, however, was born from the strenuous circumstances of this year as I adjusted to a startlingly different world, both personally and at large. This feels like a transitional time, and in the face of such uncertainty we often look for an escape. That’s what this album did for me. It allowed me to get away from everything when nothing else worked. It got me through a really rough time, and honestly, in that sense its job is already over. Now I hope maybe it can do the same for you. Love you all.”

new single: light beyond (right now)

“Light Beyond (Right Now), like many tracks from the new album, contains some of my most direct and personal lyrics to date. This year has been a tumultuous one for my own life, involving the shedding of many things I relied on for stability in my life: moving back home after living with the same roommates for several years, the dissolution of a 3-year relationship, graduation from college, etc.

This is of course compounded with the larger issues we're currently facing worldwide and in the US, which have only cemented my belief that radical, transformative change is necessary for this world just as much as it is always necessary for internal growth.

The lyrics discuss initial feelings of confusion and loss, hope for a brighter future, and both the recursive anxiety and personal rediscovery that come with the disintegration of one's attachments.”

tracklist

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| 1. within and apart | 8. keswick park |
| 2. can't see the sun anymore | 9. timeless / ibis dream |
| 3. outside | 10. tell |
| 4. never know why | 11. feels like i'm just waiting for you to come home |
| 5. even in dreams | 12. far from this world |
| 6. no answer | 13. light beyond |
| 7. pkd | 14. it all seems the same |

