

SARAH BLASKO ANNOUNCES NEW ALBUM AND SHARES VIDEO FOR FIRST SINGLE 'PHANTOM'

NEW ALBUM 'DEPTH OF FIELD' TO BE RELEASED 23rd FEBRUARY 2018 Pre-order HERE



Watch 'PHANTOM' video here



Sarah Blasko today announces details of her forthcoming album *Depth of Field* and unveils its first single *Phantom*.

Depth of Field represents another extraordinary chapter in the career of an artist whose six-album run of genre defining art-pop is unparalleled. The album is the follow-up to Blasko's ARIA Award winning, internationally acclaimed **Eternal Return**.

Much of *Depth of Field* was written and recorded during a two-week period as artist in residence at the Campbelltown Arts Centre in her home town of Sydney. The purpose of those Western Sydney sessions was to "manufacture a vibe" which mimicked live performance; to explore the influence of space in the song-writing process. On a stage, under bright lights and in a room with resonance and atmosphere, Blasko and her band captured performances of warmth, sensitivity and power.

The album's opening song and first single is the euphoric *Phantom*, a track which explores new sonic territories for Blasko. Ominous synth and piano are paired with the unbeatable groove of rhythm section Donny Benet and Laurence Pike before Blasko's voice and the intensity of frequent collaborator Nick Wales' orchestrations send the music soaring.



Says Blasko about the song's inspiration, "I asked my Dad (a History & English teacher) to record himself reading poetry for inspiration. He quoted a line from Nietzsche which contained the word 'Phantom'. This song is about the role that influential people play in your life, forming who you are. I feel I carry them with me. Their presence is so tangible even when they're not there. Like a phantom limb".

Phantom is accompanied by a wonderful video by Australian director **Mclean Stephenson**. The first of five to be released in tandem with the album, the video was designed to capture the mystery, romance and dynamism of the song itself. View <u>HERE</u>.

Depth of Field is available for pre-order now as a limited edition lenticular cover vinyl / CD / digitally here: www.sarahblasko.com.au/store/

PHANTOM is available NOW https://SarahBlasko.lnk.to/PhantomPR

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Praise for 2015's Eternal Return included:

"Gorgeous, dramatic and achingly pretty." Notion

"Her most epic and compelling record" \mathbf{Q} ****

"Deeply troubled and questioning...From the haunting opening title track with its tribal percussive beat to the album's ending, Not Yet, an assertion that Blasko is, afterall, not yet ready for death, this is a rarity."

Mojo ****

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