

ALBUM PRESS RELEASE

She Makes War *Direction Of Travel*

Artist: She Makes War
Album: *Direction Of Travel*

Tracks:

1. Drown Me Out
2. Cold Shoulder
3. In Cold Blood
4. Alone
5. Paper Thin
6. Please Don't
7. Stargazing
8. Slow Down Sunshine
9. 5000 Miles
10. Time To Be Unkind
11. Turning To You
12. The Best

Release: April 8th 2016 (digital) April 29th 2016 (physical)
Label: The state51 Conspiracy
Format: CD / Download
For fans of: Torres, Waxahatchee, Cat Power, Warpaint



“...a pioneering revelation that will blow you away.” - **DIY**
“Why just sing songs, when you can build worlds?” - **The Quietus**

Queen of gloom-pop **She Makes War** is back with her much-anticipated third album ***Direction Of Travel***, out on **April 8th 2016** via **The state51 Conspiracy**.

Direction Of Travel was recorded in the winter months of 2014/15 in Bristol, Brighton and London. Produced by She Makes War, mixed by **Dan Austin (Doves, Pixies)** and featuring guest appearances from **Tanya Donelly** and **Mark Chadwick**, most of the instruments on the album were played by Laura herself, added to by a cast of supporting musician friends including **Clive Deamer** and **Andy Sutor** on drums, **The McCarricks** and **Nicole Robson** on strings and **Cajita** on piano.

As with all things, there are two sides to the story. ‘Drown Me Out’, ‘In Cold Blood’ and ‘Alone’ combine an unabashed love of 90s alt-rock with the gothic undertones of **Sisters Of Mercy** and early **Echo & The Bunnymen**. ‘Time To Be Unkind’ (featuring Mark Chadwick) and ‘The Best’ blend melancholy ukulele, cello and piano with a tearstained lead vocal and killer harmonies to deliver the bitter-sweetest Dear John letters to their anonymous but undeserving miscreants. At the bursting heart of the album sit ‘Stargazing’ and ‘Paper Thin’ (featuring Tanya Donelly); the former unashamedly sharing Laura’s lowest point - “I don’t believe anybody any more” - and the latter contemplating a period of personal reflection and ultimately redemption – “All this is ours...let’s do amazing things with good hearts.”

The songs on *Direction Of Travel* reveal widescreen ambition, deepening the glittery, grunge-inflected guitar driven sound of She Makes War’s back catalogue while exploring new worlds of cinematic orchestration and heartfelt, confessional songwriting. The songs vibrate with sadness but the album’s message is hopeful - we can all become strong enough to reclaim ourselves, to escape from suffocating situations, process sadness and sorrow and emerge all the stronger for the experience.

At the end of 2015, She Makes War teased listeners with the release of five track EP ***Disarm:15***, which received praise from the likes of **The Line of Best Fit**, **Gigwise** and **Songwriting Magazine**. Laura has also received support from **BBC 6Music**’s **Lauren Laverne** and **Tom Robinson** and has toured with artists such as **tUnE-yArDs**, **Gruff Rhys**, **Nadine Shah** and **Suede**.

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- Artist is available for interviews.
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