

ALBUM PRESS RELEASE

Happy Abandon *Facepaint*

Artist: Happy Abandon

Album: Facepaint

Tracks:

1. Ivory Bound
2. Beneath Our Feet
3. Love, Like Language
4. Take Me
5. Severed Seams
6. Choice
7. If I Stare
8. Stop Taking Care of Me
9. Heavy Lines
10. Cursed Or Worse



Release: 25th August 2017

Label: Schoolkids Records

Format: Download / Vinyl / CD

For fans of: Fleet Foxes, Alt-j, Sigur Ros, Conor Oberst, Jeff Buckley

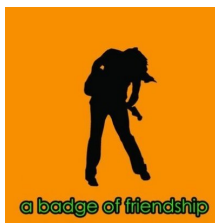
Set for release on **25th August 2017** via **Schoolkids Records**, **Happy Abandon's *Facepaint*** is a collection of heartfelt, melancholic melodies that simmer under the surface toward an ever increasing crescendo of orchestral indie rock.

Despite featuring songs about loss, **Peter Vance** (vocals & guitar) is quick to point out that *Facepaint* is not a breakup album. He explains "if the album were to have a subject, it would be the relationship a person has to loss and loneliness, which can manifest itself through breakups, homelessness, familial abandonment, and death". These relationships provide the outline for *Facepaint*, from the emotions they conjure, to the settings in which they exist and the face paint we all hide behind to make those heartbreaks a little more palatable. Vance's lead vocal soars throughout, combined with powerful lyrics and a dynamic string arrangement to create cinematic pop music at its best.

Forming in early 2015, Happy Abandon's Peter Vance, **Justin Ellis** (bass & vocals) and **Jake Waits** (percussion & vocals) met at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Within a few weeks of performing together, they worked their way onto bills at local shows before taking off to tour the east coast of the US and Canada. It was at **SXSW** that the band initially hooked up future label head **Stephen Judge**, playing multiple slots at his annual SXSW party. From there, a relationship was born that would eventually lead to Judge's offering Happy Abandon a recording contract via his freshly rebranded label Schoolkids Records.

Happy Abandon's album *Facepaint* is out on 25th August 2017 via Schoolkids Records.

- Happy Abandon is available for interviews.
- EPK, photos and artwork available upon request
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