

ALBUM PRESS RELEASE

Phantom: *Smoke & Mirrors*

Artist: Phantom

Album Title: Smoke & Mirrors

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Tracks Part 1 (song start times in brackets):

1. Sphinx
2. We Float (5:33)
3. Blood Music (11:44)
4. We Float (Death in Plains remix) (16:55)

Tracks Part 2 (song start times in brackets):

1. I Am Not
2. Voodoo Romantic (4:22)
3. Great Pretender (8:44)
4. Fever (14:00)
5. Love In A Void (18:33)

"The aural equivalent of a black cat sneaking across silk sheets..."
- Q Magazine

Montreal-born, **Phantom** chanteuse, guitarist and songwriter **Elsie Martins** was known in her Canadian homeland as a much-loved **MusiquePlus** music television presenter/journalist. **Elsie** left a burgeoning television career to relocate to London, UK, where she met **Jonny Martin** and formed **Phantom**.

Phantom's debut single, ***Great Pretender***, was released in September 2009. It was produced by **James Aparicio**, who's worked alongside bands such as **XX Teens**, **These New Puritans** and **Phantom** favourites **Nick Cave** and **Mogwai**.

With their debut album - ***Smoke & Mirrors*** - Phantom create a new percussive landscape for their music. They used recordings of places, objects and sounds found organically around them, both familiar and alien: an antique typewriter thump, the flap of a letter dropping through a letter box, heels clicking on concrete, the Mars Space Rover rumbling across the surface of the red planet. Each sound has been carefully treated and morphed into a rhythm to support compositions.

Phantom's strength is being able to create an atmosphere; therefore it's apt that the album - provided in two 22-minute parts with no track marks - is seamless when played in sequence. The songs build and bleed into one another just as they do during Phantom's captivating live set. A remix of "We Float" by **Death In Plains** is also featured on the album. Death In Plains is a visual/musical adventure, the brainchild of **Enrico Boccioletti**, who creates a sound that joins **Fuck Buttons** to **Jesus and Mary Chain** via **MGMT**.

Smoke & Mirrors mysteriously transports you into Phantom's world of alluring, sensual sounds, captivating your imagination and enticing you into their silky neo-noir musical landscapes.

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