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About the release

"Novemberism" is the debut album of 23-year-old UK artist **Oliver Spalding**. As with his debut EP "Unfur" (2017), the album was written and recorded with producer **Ed Tullett (Novo Amor)**.

Built around Spalding's staggeringly beautiful voice, the record is full of melodic, immediate songwriting and arresting electronic production.

Asked about his choice of title, Spalding explains, "*To be melancholy all year round is to suffer from Novemberism.*" And indeed, these 11 tracks are woven together with a common thread of heavyheartedness. Even the more upbeat songs, like title track "Novemberism" and "Bow Creek", which drive and glisten with intoxicating pop hooks and 80s era synths, recall the darker undercurrents of classic **New Order**.

Says Spalding, "*The album focuses on a certain period of time in my life and the things that happened around me. My honesty in songwriting is key. The aim of this album was to be raw and emotional. Emotions are scary and no one wants to face them, and that's what I wanted the album to feel like - something that is uncomfortable but also beautifully revealing.*"

Synthesizers feature heavily across the record, including single "Bow Creek", where iridescent synth stabs and lush strings wash over a hazy, late-night London. "I'm a huge Roxy Music fan", says Spalding, "I love Brian Ferry's work and take inspiration from the Prophet synth sounds on the 80s Bruce Springsteen records."

Opener "Athamé" explodes the record into life with a barrage of saxophone and cymbals, before settling down to "Xanax"'s addictive delayed guitar lines and Spalding's world-weary vocals. The slow, dark R&B simmer of "Her Crescent" reflects in the dark, ethereal pool of Björk-influenced soundscape "Emissive", and the quietude of the delicate, piano-led heartbreaker "Golden" gives room to breathe after the gloomy electronic cacophony of "AIBM". Elsewhere in the album, "Unreal" sees Spalding's gossamer, spine-tingling falsetto soar to the heavens, and epic power ballad "Everglades" lifts Spalding's voice to its towering, affecting peak, bringing the album to a close with a shudder of thundering drums.

Biography

Oliver Spalding is a 23 year-old UK artist with musical roots firmly based in the realm of folk, kindred to its probity and emotional weight. His solo voyage has this at its heart, dressed in delicate electronics, waves of epic grandeur and dauntless honesty, lyrically and sonically, throughout.

At age 13, he took up drums and started to write his own songs. Oliver met UK producer **Ed Tullett** in January 2015, and in December of the same year the pair began work on his first release, "Unfur". A publishing deal with BDI soon followed.

Oliver's impressive ability to breathe life into the many facets of his eclectic taste and musical range are demonstrated by his various other musical endeavours, including the dreamy gossamer sounds of The Wild State and the heartfelt, yearning Americana of Embasan.

Press Quotes

"Beautiful alt folk...unfurls slowly, like smoke drifting across an empty bay...Oliver Spalding has a rare gift." **-CLASH**

"Oliver Spalding transports you to a fantastical world of his own creation...It's escapist pop at it's greatest." **-The Line Of Best Fit**

"...his powerful yet hushed voice champions such ethereality that it would make Justin Vernon blush" **-Roving Waves**

"...sensual and futuristic sounds...We sense a bright future for this talented young gentleman." **-Nothing But Hope And Passion**