## Phixel & Saoirse Dream ascend on new single "notebook"

## Phixel announces new album *IN DUST AND ROT* available 12/1/23 via LIPGLOSSPARTY



Photo by Cleo McKenzie

<sup>&</sup>quot;One of the scene's greatest artists, one of the most talented young musicians alive." - 108 Mics

Somewhere between Slowdive and SOPHIE, Phixel's music is a whirlwind of vulnerability and abstraction. Her upcoming album *IN DUST AND ROT* effortlessly blends the sugar-coated hyperpop of her musical adolescence into a swirling world of dark guitars and distorted drums. Joining the likes of underscores and Jane Remover, Phixel is poised to lead experimental pop into a gloomy new wave, a darker and grimier future for all.

A musical prodigy, Phixel has been making waves in the online hyperpop community since she was just thirteen years old, amassing an impressive list of collaborators including quinn, CMTEN, Alice Gas, blackwinterwells, 8485, Left at London, and Glitch Gum. Now, Phixel is reaching beyond her prototypical Hyperpop palette, crafting a visionary sonic aesthetic which oscillates between swirling shoegaze and murky indietronica. Working with broad strokes of sound, Phixel paints a kinetic world of fuzzy guitars and fluttery synths. She textures her pieces with splashes of her influences (a bit of Parannoul here, some Jane Remover there) but ultimately relies on her focused artistic vision and virtuosic production chops to center her compositions. The result is a sort of musical Pointillism: intricate layers and beautiful melodies blur together to produce a haunting portrait of isolation, self-loathing, and vulnerability.

"notebook" puts this portrait into focus, serving as a thesis statement for Phixel's new dark direction. The song begins with an abrasive metallic synth ripping through the soundscape, a grating industrial timbre reminiscent of SOPHIE or Arca. These similarities are are subverted, however, as the song swells into a warm haze of guitars, giving dawn to a fuzzy cloud of noise and drums **rivaling the work of Asian Glow or Weatherday.** Phixel's voice laments in fluent Catalan while fluttering synth and piano arpeggios envelop the mix. The song features fellow hyperpop-turned-indie-rock darling Saoirse Dream, who delivers her verse as the metallic synth from the intro returns, propelling the track forward into an explosive final chorus.

Experimental, earnest, and achingly beautiful, *IN DUST AND ROT* is a groundbreaking exploration of genre and form. The album releases December 1st 2023 via LIPGLOSSPARTY.



## Phixel - IN DUST AND ROT [December 1st, 2023]

- 1. temperance
- 2. hospital song
- 3. pushed to shore
- 4. something forgotten
- 5. notebook (feat. saoirse dream)
- 6. these walls are my arms
- 7. scraps of you
- 8. dog
- 9. long road to nowhere