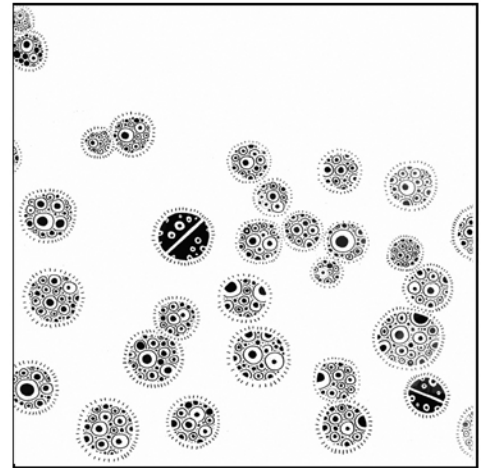


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Hope in Ghosts

All Your Departures



ABOUT:

Hope in Ghosts is Ted Flynn, St. Petersburg, FL-based guitar anti-hero. A veteran of the L.A. and Chicago indie-rock scenes, Hope in Ghosts previously released an EP that garnered immediate press comparisons with Slint and Seam. As with the EP, his debut full-length album, *All Your Departures*, is predominantly instrumental, using differing guitar tones, layers and arrangements to sonically represent the cycle of emotions involved when losing someone, leaving, or being left.

All Your Departures begins with "Los Feliz, 1997"; immediately showcasing the dynamic emotional range of Flynn's playing – from the gentlest of drones to wrenching, weeping walls of furious resonance. A delicate guitar lick then begins, "Snowfall fell," one of two vocal songs, with lyrics that intricately detail a wintry scene of love and loss. The third song "Something is going to land here any minute" blends interlocking guitars and a hopeful melody to produce a glazing of instrumental indie-pop. The crushingly desolate "You will have gone" follows and somehow finds beauty in dejection, as a piano-like guitar melody desperately repeats a hopeless call to someone who is not coming back. "Pris" and "Glint" then follow; perfectly capturing the wide range of emotional dynamics within the Hope in Ghosts' sound, from the contemplative and serene to the explosive and jagged. "I have to get up now" marks a return to the fragile melancholy of "You will have gone", and perfectly conveys the regret and weariness of saying goodbye. The album culminates with the thrillingly anthemic "Your Mistake," in which the dense guitars of "Los Feliz, 1997" return, but this time as an affirmation of letting go, ultimately summarizing the album as an engine of hope.

Guest appearances on *All Your Departures* include vocal contributions from label-mates electro-pop wunderkind Jon Monteverde (aka XYZR_KK) and Jarrod Whittington of Brooklyn-based Autoharp, and the tremendous drumming of Chicago-based Chatty Cathy's Alan Takaoka.

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PRESS QUOTES:

"Slow-building, shoe-gazing, atmospheric, and instrumental rock... when vocals come, they are fuzzed-out and pretty. With a little bit of jangling guitar to balance the somber tempo, the results are savory and bittersweet."

- Giant Robot

"Hope In Ghosts ... goes straight for the heart of the music."

- Ink19

"It's a musical version of the instant when you have an emotional breakthrough, and you know now is different, but everything is okay. It's powerful stuff he's brewing here."

- St@tic

TRACKLISTING:

1. Los Feliz, 1997
2. Snowfall fell
3. Something is going to land here any minute
4. You will have gone
5. Pris
6. Glint
7. I have to get up now
8. Your mistake