

CONNER YOUNGBLOOD

THE NEW ALBUM 'CHEYENNE' IS OUT 17TH AUGUST 2018.

Following the praise around his *The Generation of Lift EP* and a number of critically acclaimed singles, Nashville-based multi-instrumentalist Conner Youngblood has announced his long awaited debut album *Cheyenne* due August 17th via Counter Records. Along with album announcement, the **FADER** also premiered a striking visual for his first single off the new project, "The Birds of Finland" by director **Johannes Greve Muskat**.

Comprised of 13 tracks, Youngblood's debut album is the culmination of two years of extensively seeing the world, resulting in a record that involves travel, but also the grounding aspects of the people Youngblood has encountered along the way. He is a keen skater, wrestler, enjoys climbing and has a sharp eye for photography. *Cheyenne* features no less than 30 different instruments - a harp, a bass clarinet, a tabla, and more - all of which are played by Youngblood on a record featuring no guests.

Since 2014 Conner has supported **KT Tunstall, Janelle Monae, Milky Chance, Angus, Julia Stone, Jeremy Loops** and **SOHN**. In 2018 Conner has played to attentive crowds at **The Great Escape Festival** and **Field Day Festival**. His upcoming headline tour includes **23 dates** across Europe as well as more throughout the year in the US.

His first few releases – 'Monsters', 'Australia' and 'A Summer Song' – shot immediately to the top of the **Hype Machine** chart. 'The Generation of Lift Ep' release on Counter amassed over **6M** Spotify streams. 'A Summer Song' premiered on **Noisey** with an interview and playlisted in Spotify's **New Music Friday** (US / UK / Germany), **Weekend Buzz**, **Nike Women** and more. **Majestic Casual** added 'A Summer Song' to their playlist, with over **2M** subscribers, the track racked up **33K** streams in the first few hours. **Zane Lowe** presented "Sulphur Springs" as his **World Record of the Day** on **Beats 1** calling Conner a "brilliant artist".

Conner collaborated with Nas-endorsed vocalist **Nylo** on both 'Everyday' and summer single 'Higher' in 2016 which received the first play at **Beats 1** from **Zane Lowe**. It was added Spotify **New Music Friday** DE, IT, ES, and **New Indie Mix**. Apple Music added the track to **Best of the Week US, Breaking Electronic UK** and **Best of the Week AUS**. 'Everyday' clocked up **2.5M** combined streams - Spotify playlists include **New Music Friday US (1.9M)**, **Young & Free (842K)**, **Acoustic Pop (562K)**, **The Stress Buster (289K)**, **One Week One Playlist (71K)**, **Your Office Stereo (56K)**, **Indie Folk Top Tracks / Soundrop (23K)** as well as Apple Music playlist **Best of the Week**. 'Everyday' was premiered in i-D and featured in UPROXX - "The Paul Simon-type track we all need in 2017", **Nylon's Best Music Releases Of The Week** and was **#2** in **Music Week's Tracks of Week**.

This year Conner was featured in The **Observer's One To Watch** column. Further press support from **Noisey** ('A Summer Song' premiere), **FADER**, **Stereogum**, **Pigeons & Planes**, **Lineofbestfit**, **The 405**, **Sofar Sounds**, **Impose Magazine**, **Esquire**, **Nerdist**, **Nylon**, **iD**, **Uproxx**, **Spill Magazine** as well as a live session recording for **Red Bull** who described Conner's work as "spellbinding".

Additional radio support from **Annie Mac**, **Huw Stephens**, and **Phil Taggart (BBC Radio 1)** "This is a new artist I'm really excited about" plus **Lauren Laverne**, **Gilles Peterson**, **Mary Anne Hobbs** - "This is a kid that I really love" (**BBC 6 Music**), **Georgie Rogers (Virgin)**, **Jamz Supernova (BBC 1Xtra)**.

'The Badlands' video (directed by **Johannes Greve Muskat**) premiered on **Nowness** and was a **Vimeo Staff Pick**, which now has **90.5K+** views. The video was also included in a **Nike X LeBron James** commercial. Conner featured in LA based sunglasses brand **Arnette** campaign in October 2017.

"A delicate composition of masterfully layered vocals...pretty damn beautiful" - **The FADER**

"Music for long, pensive walks...serene and beautiful" - **Noisey**

"More adept than ever at manipulating divergent elements until they reach an unnatural harmony of his own design" - **Stereogum**

"Youngblood's richly layered sound feels at home in this dynamic landscape" - **i-D Magazine**

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 3K  8.8K

 5.5K
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