



- **FABRIK's debut album, *City Islands*, released 18<sup>th</sup> August**
  - **Special Birmingham show to launch album**

**FABRIK** release their eagerly-anticipated debut album, *City Islands*, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017**.

Created over the course of a year in the band's inner-city lock-up and the Welsh countryside, *City Islands* is a swirling journey which embraces trip-hop, art-pop, psychedelia, electronica and more.

The album features eleven songs, including **FABRIK's** three singles to date: 'Origami', 'Animal' and 'Whitestar', all of which have excited the band's growing fanbase and been picked up by **BBC 6Music** and BBC Introducing. The singles have also drawn praise for their captivating videos and seen the band compared to the likes of Portishead and St Vincent.

"We wanted make an album that would soundtrack a road-trip across **Europe**," says bassist Dave Breeze, "music that would sound good gliding down the autobahn."

Singer and lyricist Hayley Trower cites her "deep fascination with the emotional mind" as an inspiration, adding that "*City Islands'* **cinematic soundscapes** and exploratory lyrics create a satisfying depiction of the ever-changing chasms of human nature, such as fear, lust, fragility and liberation."

These running themes are reflected in the album's title: "It's a line in (album track) 'Sunphonika'" explains guitarist Shaun Hand, "it's an image that captures the paradox of how so many people live in crowded metropolises, supposedly ever-more connected, yet at the same time feel like castaways, unable to properly communicate with each other."

*City Islands* is an album of much depth and shade. To mention just a few: Opening track 'Origami' is a kaleidoscope of ethereal drones. 'Black Lake' has a hazy, loping groove. 'Murmuration' is a soaring modern love song, whilst closing track 'The Void' climbs from a haunting piano and vocal opening to a summit of crushing feedback and dense beats.

Two tracks on the album, 'Sunphonika' and 'Tesseract' were produced by noted DJ and producer **Sam Redmore** (championed by Steve Lamacq, Lauren Laverne etc.) The rest of the album was produced and mixed by emerging young producer, **Craig Davis**.

*City Islands* will be available to download and stream from iTunes, Spotify and Bandcamp.

To promote the album and forthcoming single 'Whitestar', **FABRIK** will be performing live at the following venues:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – The Blind Wolf, Wolverhampton

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – 93 Feet East, Brick Lane, London

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Wye Float Festival, Hereford

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August – The Night Owl, Birmingham (**Official Album Launch**)

The band will also be embarking on what they term "guerrilla gigging" – making unannounced appearances in major cities around the UK and Europe. A video for the song 'Sunphonika' will also be unveiled around the time of the album's release.

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**Notes for editors:**

**FABRIK** are a four-piece whose music encompasses elements of trip-hop, electronica, rock and psychedelia; creating music with a distinct, cinematic flavour.

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