**PANAMANIAN ARTIST SOFÍA VALDÉS UNVEILS *SILVIA* EP**

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**August 11, 2023 (Los Angeles, CA) –** Panamanian singer-songwriter **Sofía Valdés** unveils her latest EP ***Silvia***, the first installment of her forthcoming full-length debut. Produced by **Michael Uzowuru** (Rosalia’s *Motomami*, SZA’s *Ctrl,* and Frank Ocean’s *Blonde*) and boasting contributions from **Carter Lang**, **John Hill**, **Ryan Hahn**, **Arthur Verocai**, and **Diana Gordon**, the 5-song set unfolds in a transportive and thrillingly original sound inspired by her family's deep, multi-generational connection to music. Listen to it [**HERE**](https://SofiaValdes.lnk.to/Silvia).

The EP – named after Sofia’s great-grandmother and an acclaimed singer in her time who toured with the likes of Louis Armstrong – kicks off with a pair of recent singles: **“Midnight Freakout,”** a dreamy rumination onSofia’s recent move to the United States, and the transfixing **"Easy,"** which deals with the alienation, culture shock, and isolation that Sofia felt as a young immigrant struggling to find a home during the heat of the pandemic. **“Barbed Wire”** offers a winsome digression punctuated by piano and gentle guitar, while **“Wild”** finds the rising star at her most raw and experimental. And then there's **“Silvia,”** a song that seamlessly shifts between English and her native Spanish, which was co-written with GRAMMY-nominated artist Diana Gordon (Beyoncé’s *Lemonade*). “Silvia” arrives alongside a stunning new visual, out today – watch it [**HERE**](https://SofiaValdes.lnk.to/SilviaVideo).

**“Silvia** is a collection of stories of my great grandparents all told through the song. Their story resonated with me at a time I felt like music maybe wasn’t for me after all,” **Sofia** explains. “My grandfather was a Cuban musician, and on the other side of my family, Silvia was a Panamanian folklore singer married to a Dominican musician (my great grandfather). They traveled the world and dedicated their entire life to music so much so, that my great-grandfather died on stage on his last song. A bit dark but poetic. The stories of Silvia and her persona felt so mystical and powerful. Even though I’m not that religious, I do pray to my ancestors when I feel lost. Silvia was someone I kept asking for help over the past couple of years, so it felt right to name my EP for her.”

The release of *Silvia* could not be more momentous for **Valdés**,following last year’s emotional bedroom-pop gems **“Heart of Glass”** and **“Broken”** [feat. **Pink Sweat$**]. The singles — along with 2021’s acclaimed EPs [*In Bloom*](https://sofiavaldes.lnk.to/inbloom) and [*Ventura*](https://sofiavaldes.lnk.to/Ventura) — have received a long list of critical acclaim from the likes of [NPR,](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.npr.org%2Fsections%2Fworld-cafe%2F2021%2F02%2F09%2F965905426%2Fpanamanian-songwriter-sofia-valdes-carries-on-a-family-tradition&data=04%7C01%7CPatrice.Compere%40warnerrecords.com%7C4e03e8ee58314aa5adf408d92d3f6f59%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637590572756612172%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ido9UAdKWtTPOmrB4lJeC51tDf%2FLqdWt7cpi44Lr9uM%3D&reserved=0) [W Magazine](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wmagazine.com%2Fculture%2Fsofia-valdes-new-ep-ventura-new-faces-interview&data=04%7C01%7CPatrice.Compere%40warnerrecords.com%7C4e03e8ee58314aa5adf408d92d3f6f59%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637590572756582189%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DYqR11OyCMgsPqsuhEq2QqyewU3MBT12QPj6cSUSom0%3D&reserved=0), [Interview Magazine](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.interviewmagazine.com%2Fmusic%2Fsofia-valdes-ventura&data=04%7C01%7CPatrice.Compere%40warnerrecords.com%7C4e03e8ee58314aa5adf408d92d3f6f59%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637590572756592187%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IPfWbdgShp0ViwL8nThn2cXhQABhYP9z0MR04llvIgc%3D&reserved=0), [NYLON](https://www.nylon.com/entertainment/sofia-valdes-ventura-deluxe-interview), [Ones To Watch](https://www.onestowatch.com/en/blog/sofia-valdes-pink-sweat-broken), and more for her beautifully original blend of bossa nova, folk, and pop.

Now with *Silvia*, **Valdés** celebrates her ancestral ties to music and showcases her incredible versatility — crafting one of 2023's most striking and intimate projects.



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