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**From the eagerly anticipated new album**

 ***angel in realtime.* out on Friday, February 25**

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**February 23, 2022 – (Los Angeles, CA.)** – Today, [**Gang of Youths**](https://www.gangofyouths.com/) provide a final taster of the album ***angel in realtime.***before its release on Friday, sharing the brand-new track **“spirit boy.”** The band’s last single **“in the wake of your leave,”** has debuted on the Billboard AAA charts and was praised by BBC’s Jack Saunders as*“one of the most stunning examples of just how good their new record is going to be.”* The band’s current rising status has also included a string of sold-out headline shows, an arena tour with Sam Fender, and a [**NME cover feature**](https://www.nme.com/en_au/big-reads/gang-of-youths-cover-interview-2022-angel-in-realtime-3145678). Click [HERE](https://lnk.to/spiritboy) to stream **“spirit boy.”**

The album features all the big moments that have soundtracked **Gang of Youths’** rise, including “**the** **angel of 8th ave.**,” **“unison,” “the man himself**,” “**tend the garden,”** and **“in the wake of your leave.”** The album’s previously unreleased tracks provide plenty more, with an experimental hybrid of contemporary American minimalism, and electronica on “**you in everything**,” the 2-step and big beat rhythms of “**the kingdom is within you**,” and the cathartic conclusion provided by the sweeping, multi-textured **“goal** **of the century**.”

New single **“spirit boy”** is the beating heart of ***angel in realtime.*** The song features **Shane McLean**, a musician specializing in *Taonga Pūoro* (the traditional instrumentation and music culture of the **Māori** people) and contributes spoken word. **Le’aupepe** recalls:

*“We were fortunate to have Shane McLean, an outstanding musician and Taonga Pūoro facilitator, write and perform a spoken verse in Te Reo Māori. A wonderful Māori woman performed “rongoā” on me — a sacred healing practice. It was a transformative experience, and I’m still not quite sure why. There was a moment when this wonderful woman looked at me and said “you’re a wairua boy” — wairua in Te Reo means something like “spirit”.*

**Dave Le’aupepe** has channelled every drop of emotion into **Gang of Youths’** most personal album to date. For the band, which features multi-instrumentalists **Jung Kim, Tom Hobden, Max Dunn and Donnie Borzestowski**, the decision to rent an old warehouse space in Hackney, London and self-produce the record was absolutely vital.

The record also pays tribute to **Le’aupepe’s** family heritage, firstly with the band’s pre-pandemic trip to Aotearoa to record with Pasifika and Māori instrumentalists the **Anuanua** **Drummers** from the **Cook** **Islands**, **Shane** **McClean** and the **Auckland** **Gospel** **Choir**. These recordings, together with the extensive sampling of composer and explorer **David Fanshawe’s** late 1970s field recordings of indigenous Pasifika music give the record a distinctive sense of time and place. When you add to this the 42-piece string section **Hobden** and **Le’aupepe** travelled to Budapest to record, the album effectively spans 50 years of collective recording and as many as 7 countries.

***angel in realtime.*** includes other singles such as **Top 10 US Radio** hit **“**[**the angel of 8th ave.**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgangofyouths.co%2Ftheangelof8thave-video&data=04%7C01%7Cfreelancewriter%40warnermusic.com%7Cd43d384f608243a8468a08d984c8a68e%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637686819592944221%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BcVhaCkdp9r%2FcEDd%2B6Vi7qIPUMISHISpUw%2FTzx0k5Nw%3D&reserved=0)”, and **“**[**the man himself**](https://lnk.to/GOY-themanhimself)**”** and the most recent track **“in the wake of your leave.”** Collectors and hardcore fans can grab a double-white vinyl edition of the album with an alternate sleeve from key indie stores, or a selection of bundles and merch which are packaged with a signed art card.

**Gang of Youths** will commence a major North American tour in April. Tickets are [**on sale now**](https://www.gangofyouths.com/SHOWS) and a full rundown of dates can be found below.

**2022 North American tour dates:**

Apr 21: Madison, WI Majestic Theatre

Apr 22: Indianapolis, IN The Vogue

Apr 24: Columbus, OH Newport Music Hall

Apr 25: Louisville, KY Mercury Ballroom

Apr 27: Carrboro, NC Cat’s Cradle

Apr 28: Charlotte, NC The Underground

May 1: Nashville, TN The Basement East

May 3: Chicago, IL Metro

May 4: Detroit, MI Shelter

May 6: Toronto, ON Danforth Music Hall

May 7: Montreal, QC L’Astral

May 9: Boston, MA Paradise Rock Club

May 10: Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn Steel

May 12: Philadelphia, PA Theatre of the Living Arts

May 13: Washington, DC Union Stage **SOLD OUT**

May 16: San Francisco, CA The Fillmore

May 18: Los Angeles, CA Belasco Theater

May 20: Las Vegas, NV 24 Oxford

May 21: Phoenix, AZ Crescent Ballroom

May 23: Austin, TX Scoot Inn

May 24: Dallas, TX The Echo Lounge & Music Hall

May 26: Tulsa, OK Cain’s Ballroom

Sep 13: Milwaukee, WI The Rave II

Sep 14: Minneapolis, MN First Avenue - Mainroom

Sep 16: St. Louis, MO Delmar Hall

Sep 17: Lawrence, KS The Bottleneck

Sep 19: Englewood, CO Gothic Theatre

Sep 20: Salt Lake City, UT Urban Lounge

Sep 22: Portland, OR Revolution Hall

Sep 23: Vancouver, BC Rickshaw Theatre

Sep 25: Seattle, WA Neumos

Sep 27: Sacramento, CA Ace of Spades

***angel in realtime.*** tracklist:

1. you in everything
2. [**in the wake of your leave**](https://gangofyouths.co/itwoylvideo)
3. [**the angel of 8th ave.**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9QsAO4BU28)
4. returner
5. [**unison**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KliTGJahNIM)
6. [**tend the garden**](https://gangofyouths.co/tendthegarden)
7. the kingdom is within you
8. [**spirit boy**](https://lnk.to/spiritboy)
9. brothers
10. forbearance

1. **[the man himself](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KyolyVcWu8)**
2. hand of god
3. goal of the century

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