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August 25, 2023 (Los Angeles, CA) – Earl Sweatshirt and The Alchemist surprise fans with the release of their joint album, VOIR DIRE. The 11-track album arrives as a digital collectible that fans can listen to exclusively through Gala Music with the exception of the album track "Sentry" which features rapper MIKE and is available now on all traditional streaming platforms. The long-rumored and highly-anticipated album from Earl Sweatshirt and The Alchemist was discovered by fans through a scavenger hunt that consisted of a series of real-life and digital puzzles that had to be solved before the album was revealed. As fans from across the globe collaborated in online forums to piece the clues together, they unearthed easter eggs online, from Earl's pop-up at the GOLF WANG store in Los Angeles, and from events in Chicago, New York City, and London before realizing the existence of the album.

The discovery comes on the heels of **Earl**'s 10th-anniversary celebration of his debut album, *Doris*, which included one-off performances in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, and London. Released to a fever pitch of anticipation that surrounded Earl at the time (and continues to today), the album notably debuted in the Top 5 of the Billboard 200 and at #2 on the R&B/Hip-Hop Albums Chart. Highlighted by signature anthems such as "Chum" and "Sunday" (feat. Frank Ocean), it was critically celebrated on year-end lists by *Entertainment Weekly*, *Pitchfork*, *Rolling Stone*, *Complex*, *NME*, *Spin*, *XXL*, and more.

Listen to VOIR DIRE and "Sentry" above and see more album details below.

Earl Sweatshirt x Alchemist VOIR DIRE Tracklist:

- 1. 100 High Street
- 2. Vin Skully
- 3. Sentry ft. Mike
- 4. All The Small Things
- 5. My Brother, The Wind
- 6. 27 Braids
- 7. Mac Deuce
- 8. Sirius Blac
- 9. Geb
- 10. Deadzone
- 11. Free the Ruler



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About Earl Sweatshirt:

Earl Sweatshirt is the virtuosic byproduct of Los Angeles' fertile ground where hip hop sowed its seeds and historic cultural movements were born. The prodigiously-gifted writer, lyricist and producer grew from a zeitgeist of which contemporary collectives in hip hop today are predicated. And while most movements are fleeting as soon as they arrive, Earl pushed forward, documented his growth and self-discovery on record and cemented himself as one of the foremost culturally relevant MC's in the game, one who never strayed away too far from his Los Angeles beat-scene roots. His debut album *Doris* arrived in 2013 and introduced the world to a more realized vision from him than his seminal mixtape Earl that was released three years prior when he was just 16-years-old. He followed *Doris* with the critically-lauded *I Don't Like Shit, I Don't Go Outside* in 2015, further exploring the depth of his technical dexterity with more swagger than prior releases. Three years later, he released *Some Rap Songs* in 2018, the tightly wrought album that found a more self-aware and mature Earl in his reflection of being in the public eye since a teenager, coupled with the reconciliation of the death of his father. Enter *Feet of Clay*, the conceptual 2019 project

that continues the written narrative of Earl's life in today's societal landscape and world-view in real-time. In 2022; Earl returned to the scene with critically acclaimed, *SICK!* which was recorded in the wake of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic and its subsequent lockdowns. That album saw widespread acclaim across the media landscape and featured collaborative contributions from artists and producers like Zelooperz, Nak-el Smith, Armand Hammer, Black Noi\$e, and The Alchemist. Fast forward to 2023 and Earl is preparing for the 10th anniversary of *Doris* and playing shows in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and London to commemorate the seminal album.

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