RISING ALT-R&B ARTIST FOREST CLAUDETTE DROPS SOULFUL NEW SINGLE "GOLD"

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"They are creating a legacy, through their artistry and activism, but also through their unwavering commitment to self-discovery. [Forest's] persona allows them to be true to themself, entirely, and that's the message they want everyone to take away." - **Hypebeast**

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"Forest Claudette is outgrowing comparisons to the likes of Frank Ocean and Steve Lacey and carving out a space of their own." - Harpers Bazaar Australia

March 22, 2024 (Los Angeles, CA) — On the heels of a stellar SXSW run with performances at the Indie + R&B evening and Sounds Australia Presents, breakout alt-R&B singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Forest Claudette releases their atmospheric new single "Gold." The buoyant track arrives ahead of their upcoming EP *Jupiter*, which will be released on May 3rd. Introspective yet confident, with dense instrumentation, raw lyricism, and soulful vocals, the new track is another carefully calibrated level-up for the enigmatic artist. Listen to "Gold" HERE via Warner Records.

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"Gold" arrives soon after the single "Kobe Beef" and Claudette's stunning cover of the Red Hot Chili Peppers' classic track "Can't Stop." It was preceded by the release of their acclaimed Everything Was Green EP in the summer. The celebrated project included numerous singles such as the addictive anthem "Mess Around" featuring EARTHGANG, which earned an ARIA award for Best Soul/R&B Release, as well as "Motor in the Sand" and "Two Years."

Prior to that, Claudette unveiled *The Year of February*, their debut EP featuring acclaimed singles like "Creaming Soda" and "Hologram," where they wonder if they deserve the spotlight. Matters of the heart were also front and center on *The Year of February* with gems like "Gone Without a Trace" and "Goodbye."

After recently blazing SXSW, where the <u>Austin American-Statesman</u> hailed them as a "modern R&B star in the making," **Forest** readies a series of performances across the globe to accompany the Jupiter EP release later this Spring. Fans can catch them showcasing their dynamic stage presence and captivating vocals on the dates below.

Born in the Dandenong Ranges of Victoria, Australia, the rising artist also spent time in the US throughout their formative years. Enamored with singer-songwriters like Frank Ocean and Moses Sumney, they began crafting a sound at an experiential high school. Soon afterward, **Claudette** caught the attention of national radio station triple j, which led to co-writing sessions with other artists and songwriters.



Tour Dates:

May 7th – Gold Diggers – Los Angeles (US)

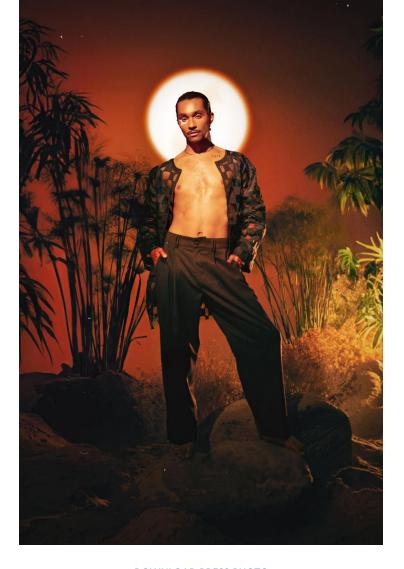
May 10th - Union Pool - Brooklyn - (US)

May 15th – Ideal Bar – Copenhagen – (DEN)

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May 23rd – The Grace – London (UK)

May 30th - Vivid - Sydney (AU)



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ABOUT FOREST CLAUDETTE:

Forest Claudette powers through life's growing pains with diaristic songwriting, using their thoughtful take on alternative R&B to find oases in a troubling world. Claudette explores gender identity and sexuality, the joy and sacrifice of coming out, and life's complexities—the asteroids and stones we encounter en route to our own outer space oasis. Music has long been a tool for self-discovery in Forest's life. They grew up in the Dandenong Ranges in Victoria, Australia, where they spent years trying to perfect their craft at high school. When triple j held an annual music contest for high school students, they submitted a song, which earned them an impromptu interview and a spin on the station. Soon after, Claudette landed a record deal. Their first single, 2022's "Creaming Soda," was spawned from the imposter syndrome they felt from entering the music industry so young. Themes of self-doubt and loss further molded their debut EP The Year of February. 2023's Everything Was Green earned Claudette two ARIA awards, including Best Soul/R&B Release for their self-described "ethical fuckboy's anthem," "Mess Around" with EARTHGANG. As Claudette readies new music, they reflect on the progress they've made to get here. "Now, at the core, I want to be honest to my experiences and how I see the world," they say. "I just know that I can, so I think I should."

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