

**GRAMMY-NOMINATED SINGER/SONGWRITER RO JAMES RETURNS WITH 4-TRACK *SMOKE EP***

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[March 23, 2018, New York, NY] Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter **Ro James** returns today with the release of his 4-track ***Smoke EP***. The EP is now available to purchase and stream at all digital service providers via **ByStorm Entertainment/RCA Records**. ***Smoke EP*** is the first of two EP installments, which will be released in anticipation for Ro's sophomore album due out later this year. The second installment, entitled ***Mirrors EP*** is due out later this spring.

[Click here](#) to listen to *Smoke EP*.

Ro James first treated fans to “**Lost My Mind**” ft. **Notorious B.I.G.** on March 9<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of the legendary Brooklyn-rapper's death. “Lost My Mind” ft. Notorious B.I.G. is produced by **Salaam Remi** (Amy Winehouse, Nas, Miguel). [Click here](#) to see Ro's tribute post on Instagram. The *Smoke EP* features additional production by **Soundz** (Bryson Tiller, Justin Bieber, Wale), **Andre Harris** (Rae Sremmurd, Jill Scott, Yo Gotti), and **Tricky Stewart** (Frank Ocean, Beyoncé, Usher).

On the release of the EP, Ro James says: “*Smoke* is just the intro into the fire. *Mirrors* is about reflection and self. I've been away for a bit recalibrating, growing and learning. I'm ready to share again. Decided to drop an EP and warm it up a little while I finish off the album. *Smoke & Mirrors.*”

The release of the ***Smoke EP*** follows Ro's critically acclaimed debut album ***ELDORADO***, which included his hit single “**Permission.**” “Permission” has been streamed over 100 million times worldwide, earned Ro his first-ever Grammy nomination for Best R&B Performance and spent 10 weeks at #1 on the Urban Adult Radio chart. Additionally, he earned nominations for Best New Artist at the 2017 NAACP Image Awards and Best New R&B Artist at the 2017 iHeart Radio Music Awards.

### **About Ro James**

Born in Stuttgart, Germany to a military father turned preacher, **Ro James** found himself moving around for most of his childhood. From Indiana, California, Hawaii, Oklahoma to the place he now calls home, New York, music was always in the forefront of James' life. His musical inspirations come from the sounds of Johnny Cash, Prince, Tupac, Jodeci, and more. Since his emergence in 2013, Ro James has worked with the likes of Snoop Dogg and Brenmar. That same year he also released an EP trilogy: *Coke, Jack & Cadillacs*, which received critical praise from outlets such as *The FADER*, *The Source*, *VIBE*, and *HypeTrak*. Since then James has been covered by outlets including *NPR Music's* Tiny Desk Concert series, *Interview Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *Us Weekly* and more.

*Noisey* calls his music, "a subtle blend of smoothed out, soulful R&B..." and *Billboard* declares "James' sound is reminiscent of the greats, think Prince meets D'Angelo..." Combining these influences with his journey, he has crafted his best work to date on *ELDORADO*. Released in May 2016, James' debut album *ELDORADO* entered the charts at #3 on The Billboard R&B Albums Chart and #8 on the Top Hip-Hop/R&B Albums Chart.

James has toured with the likes of The Dream, Toni Braxton, K. Michelle, Erykah Badu and most recently with Maxwell and Mary J. Blige on their "King + Queens of Hearts" Tour in fall of 2016. He also embarked on his own headlining North American "XIX" Tour with dates in Europe in Amsterdam, London and Paris in early 2017.

With his official return and the release of his *Smoke EP*, Ro James is fortifying his place in music with soulful grit and impassioned vocals, all while continuing to share his journey along the way.

### **Smoke EP Track Listing:**

1. Outside Ya Box (How Bout That)
2. Devotion
3. Special
4. Lost My Mind ft. Notorious B.I.G.

### **Buy/Stream Smoke EP:**

All Retailers - <http://smarturl.it/RoSmoke>

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