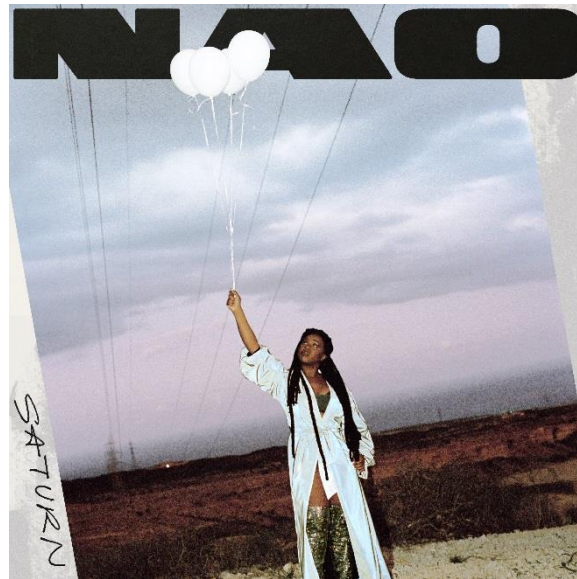


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ANNOUNCES HIGHLY ANTICIPATED SOPHOMORE ALBUM **SATURN**
FOR OCTOBER 26TH

WORLD TOUR TO LAUNCH DECEMBER 7TH



[Los Angeles, CA – September 7th, 2018] **Nao** has announced her highly anticipated sophomore album **Saturn** which is set to release on **October 26th**. Two years after the arrival of her ground-breaking album *For All We Know*, the sensational songstress returns in a brand new, never-before-heard dimension of her artistry. Pre-order [HERE](#). The news of the album is accompanied by the announcement of **Nao's** official world tour. Starting off in *Japan*, she will then go on to perform in *North America* and *Europe*, concluding with a show in *London's Brixton Academy* on **March 28th**. (Full dates below)

Nao has given a first glimpse into **Saturn** with her phenomenal singles “**Another Lifetime**” (followed by a remix by mysterious London producer **Shareware**), and “**Make It Out Alive**” ft. **TDE** recording artist **SiR**. For the East London-raised **Nao**, this album is a transition. **Saturn** is about the process of embracing adulthood and contemplating the naivety of youth. It's both a celebration of new possibilities and a chance to reflect.

“My friends kept telling me about the term ‘Saturn Returns’. It's this idea that Saturn takes 29 years to orbit from when you're born and it is the planet of blessings and growth. So by the time you're around 29, between 27 and 32, something big happens in your life. It's like waking up and coming of age, like: ‘I've been going through my twenties and what have I been doing in this relationship?’ What have I been doing in this job?’ You start to rethink everything - old stuff that your parents taught you or ideas that you believed in. It's like a complete shedding of skin and it can be painful.” **Nao**

On **Saturn** **Nao** is bold and experimental, eager to push things forward and unafraid to offload ideas that have been weighing her down. On the skipping, afro-beat-flavoured banger “**Drive & Disconnect**”, she raps of her desire to optimise her moment, to power positively forward and swerve the distractions of the

modern world. The slinky, pitch-black R&B track **"Make It Out Alive"** on the other hand, confronts the kind of drama that haunts you for years. *"I feel like everybody has a dose of that in their life."* She comments. *"For me, it's like in the middle of the night, when I can't sleep and my mind is swilling and sometimes it can get too extreme. You feel like you can't make it out."*

The sensual RnB track **"Curiosity"** covers the more physical side of love in late twenties. *"I have to have a seductive track on every album. I had 'Feels Like' on 'For All We Know' and this fills the same role. It's one of the more left-field tracks on the album but my sense is the OG Nao fans will like it."* says **Nao**. *"It's quite a visceral song and has that half-time tension which tends to translate really well to the live show. I think it might become a highlight at the show."*

The **Mura Masa** collaboration **"If You Ever"** is one of the lighter shades on the album. Filled with drums and bass groove, it boasts an unforgettable, effortlessly enchanting sound. *"It's one of my favourites. As a song it's about taking the plunge with someone new, yet familiar. Relationships become more complex as you come out of your teens and twenties, this is an ode to that complexity! I feel like a lot of people my age will know what I'm talking about."*

There's a real sense push and pull to **Saturn** — it's complex and conflicted, but there's a pervading optimism that makes it timeless, just like **Nao** herself. *"It's not just about heartbreak, it's a sense of rebirth,"* she says. *"It's soul-searching, you know?"*

TOUR DATES

Japan

Thu 6 Dec - WWWX, Tokyo, Japan

North America

Sat 12 Jan - Vogue Theatre, Vancouver, BC

Sun 13 Jan - Showbox, Seattle, WA

Mon 14 Jan - Wonder Ballroom, Portland, OR

Wed 16 Jan - The Warfield, San Francisco, CA

Fri 18 Jan - The Novo, Los Angeles, CA

Sat 19 Jan - Observatory - North Park, San Diego, CA

Sun 20 Jan - The Observatory, Santa Ana, CA

Tue 22 Jan - Metro Music Hall, Salt Lake City, UT

Wed 23 Jan - Gothic Theatre, Englewood, CO

Fri 25 Jan - Fine Line Music Café, Minneapolis, MN

Sat 26 Jan - Concord Music Hall, Chicago, IL

Sun 27 Jan - Majestic Theater, Detroit, MI

Tue 29 Jan - Danforth Music Hall, Toronto, ON

Wed 30 Jan - Corona Theatre, Montréal, QC

Fri 01 Feb - Royale, Boston, MA

Sat 02 Feb - Terminal 5, New York, NY

Mon 04 Feb - Union Transfer, Philadelphia, PA

Tue 05 Feb - The Fillmore, Silver Spring, MD

Thu 07 Feb - Masquerade, Atlanta, GA

Europe/UK

Thu 07 Mar - Paradiso, Amsterdam, NL

Fri 08 Mar - Gaité Lyrique, Paris, FR

Sat 09 Mar - Ancienne Belgique, Brussels, BE

Mon 11 Mar - Luxor, Cologne, DE

Wed 13 Mar - Vega, Copenhagen, DK

Thu 14 Mar - Mojo, Hamburg, DE

Fri 15 Mar - Kesselhaus, Berlin, DE

Wed 20 Mar - Albert Hall, Manchester, UK

Thu 21 Mar - Beckett Student Union, Leeds, UK
Fri 22 Mar - O2 Institute, Birmingham, UK
Sun 24 Mar - Vicar Street, Dublin, IE
Tue 26 Mar - O2 Academy Bristol, Bristol UK
Thu 28 Mar - O2 Academy Brixton, London, UK

Saturn Tracklist:

- 1. Another Lifetime**
- 2. Make It Out Alive (feat. SiR)**
- 3. If You Ever**
- 4. When Saturn Returns (Interlude)**
- 5. Saturn (feat. Kwabs)**
- 6. Gabriel**
- 7. Orbit**
- 8. Love Supreme**
- 9. Curiosity**
- 10. Drive and Disconnect**
- 11. Don't Change**
- 12. Yellow of the Sun**
- 13. A Life Like This**



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