

ALBUM PRESS RELEASE

A.S. Fanning
Mushroom Cloud

Artist: A.S. Fanning
Album: *Mushroom Cloud*

Tracks:

1. Mushroom Cloud
2. Conman
3. Haunted
4. Sober
5. I Feel Bad
6. Disease
7. Colony Collapse
8. Pink Morning / Magic Light

Release: 26th May 2023

Format: Download / Vinyl

For fans of: The National, Nick Cave, Leonard Cohen



“...a brooding baritone worthy of Matt Berninger...” - Clash

Irish multi-instrumentalist **A.S. Fanning** prepares to release his cosmic new album ***Mushroom Cloud*** on **26th May 2023** via **K&F Records/Proper Octopus Records**.

His most vulnerable release to date, *Mushroom Cloud* combines dark lyricism with soaring orchestration in order to create something that is beautifully melancholic as a result. Textually, it channels **Leonard Cohen**'s 'The Future' and sees Fanning as seemingly the level-headed chronicler of a perishing world. The expansive rock soundscapes build into stunning melodic arcs around Fanning's distinctively warm baritone vocal. Each track is thoughtfully layered, ornately poetic and delicately intimate.

Talking about the album, Fanning elaborates, “the majority of the album was written during the end of the last pandemic winter. The general feeling I had was one of claustrophobia and unease/anxiety at having been locked-up all winter, mixed with the sadness and uncertainty of a break up. I was also spending too much time online, watching too much news, reading a lot about disease and climate change, as well as witnessing the seeming implosion of society. It added up to a very ominous feeling. In normal life it helps to balance that stuff out with some real-world interactions, but that wasn't so much of an option at the time. There didn't seem to be any respite from the darker side of humanity. I haven't really looked for any silver linings in this myself. I suppose the best I can do is to see it as a document of a low point”.

Fanning is a singer-songwriter from Dublin currently residing in Berlin. He began this solo project in 2013 after the breakup of his former band, **The Last Tycoons**. Fanning released his sophomore album *You Should Go Mad* in 2020, receiving support from **Clash Magazine**, **Hot Press**, **The Thin Air** and **Spectral Nights** to name a few, as well as **BBC 6Music's Steve Lamacq**. He also performed at Austin's prestigious **SXSW** festival in 2017.

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