**HONNE & Izzy Bizu – ‘Someone That Loves You’**

**New single released today via Atlantic Records**

**European & US Tour Sells Out, festivals confirmed**

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***-- Praise for HONNE --***

*“Smooth, velvety…intoxicating"* **FADER**

*“This steamy upstart electro-soul duo…purr both sweet nothings over lusty beats and scorched-earth breakup paeans over inversely smooth R&B from New Edition’s playbook. Misanthropes, consider this a second prom.”* **NY Times**

*“London’s Tightest New Electro-Soul Duo”* **The Observer**

*“…soulful and skittish electronic…”* **VICE’s Noisey**

*“…attracted us with their sultry odes to romance.”* **NYLON**

*“…laidback, effortlessly cool...”* **Paste Magazine**

London-based duo **HONNE** and **Izzy Bizu** unveil today a collaborative new single **‘Someone That Loves You’**, out now via **Atlantic Records**. This follows HONNE’s recent EP **‘Gone Are The Days [Shimokita Import]’**, which saw the band sell-out their first-ever US headline tour - including NY’s Bowery Ballroom and LA’s The Troubadour - alongside prestigious **South by Southwest** showcases (including The FADER Fort) as well as surpassing 20 million Spotify streams.

**‘Someone That Loves You’** ([LINK](https://soundcloud.com/hellohonne/someone-that-loves-you)) is a simmering cut of electro-soul from two of the brightest emerging talents of 2016. Long-time fans of each other’s work, HONNE and Izzy first met over Twitter (where else?) and soon set to work on a track, say HONNE, “fundamentally about forbidden love, but from both sides of the story.” Driven by the rich, affecting mix of male/female vocals, ‘Someone That Loves You’ is likewise described by Izzy as a song where “where the grass is always greener, and you want what you can’t have.”

Cool and confident, ‘Someone That Loves You’ appears second nature to a band like HONNE, whose universal, positive portraits of twenty-first century romance have quickly won them a broad global audience: both parallel to - and a stark reaction against - the sometimes-brutal modern dating climate (“we were terrible at being single,” the band say now). Singer **Andy** and multi-instrumentalist **James** first bonded over their shared upbringing in South-West England, then the more evocative, US West Coast grooves of their record collections, and a mutual fascination with Japan. During a midnight re-watching of ‘Lost in Translation’, it became apparent that this sense of a partner at a loose end - of wandering through a strange environment, and struggling to convey what you mean - was just as relevant to their lives off-screen. When James found the word ‘Honne’ later on (a Japanese phrase meaning **‘true feelings’**), the boys knew it was theirs.

HONNE have carved out an instantly-identifiable sound of their own. And in the shape of Andy, there’s also the sort of figurehead that you would almost dub an anti-frontman. Launching ‘Someone That Loves You’ with Izzy Bizu, the band are now putting the finishing touches to their much-anticipated debut album, which will be released later this year: a record where expressing feelings may not come naturally, but nonetheless strives for real love in the digital age.

***HONNE* 本音 :: one’s true feelings and desires**

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