

Ed Sheeran

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Global superstar ED SHEERAN is back with his first new music since 2015 with the release of TWO brand new singles: [“Shape Of You”](#) and [“Castle On The Hill.”](#) Both tracks - arriving via Atlantic Records - are available now at all digital retailers and streaming partners. [DOWNLOAD/ STREAM HERE](#)

Speaking about his monumental comeback after a yearlong hiatus, 25-year old Sheeran commented – *“Hello 2017! I’ve been working hard on the new material and I hope you can be as excited about it as I am. I really wanted to show two different sides to my music that I’m equally as passionate about and I just knew I wanted to roll with two songs at the same time. I’m absolutely buzzing to be back.”*

“Shape Of You” and *“Castle On The Hill”* together mark an exciting return for the multi-GRAMMY award winning singer-songwriter, showcasing two very different sides to his unparalleled musical palate. *“Shape Of You”* – co-written with Johnny McDaid and Steve Mac; produced by Steve Mac and co-produced by Sheeran - dismantles and rebuilds modern-pop music using little more than a loop

pedal, an extension of the sound for which Ed's become so well-known and has set him apart from his peers. **"Castle On The Hill"** - written and produced by Sheeran and Benny Blanco - pays homage to growing up in the English countryside town of Framlingham, Suffolk. Its driving beats and Springsteen-esque riffs collide to create another stadium-ready anthem.

Despite being out of the spotlight for nearly all of 2016, Ed's name was still associated with some of the year's biggest hits. As one of the world's most in-demand songwriters, he penned *"Cold Water"* for Major Lazer and *"Love Yourself"* for Justin Bieber. *"Love Yourself"* is up for "Song of the Year" at this year's GRAMMY Awards, earning Sheeran his 11th GRAMMY nomination. Sheeran himself is very familiar with this category – which specifically recognizes and honors songwriters - having been previously nominated for this award twice before, winning last year for his 7x-Platinum hit *"Thinking Out Loud."*

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Ed Sheeran – an 11-time GRAMMY nominee and multi-GRAMMY winner - has quickly established himself as one of the world's biggest musical artists with over 22 million albums sold and 4.7 billion Spotify streams. The British singer-songwriter's second full length album 'x' (pronounced *multiply*) – released in 2014 - proved to be both a critical and commercial phenomenon. After debuting at #1 on the Billboard 200 upon its release, the album has since been certified 4x-Platinum in the US and earned two GRAMMY nominations, including the prestigious Album Of The Year. Additionally, "x" spawned four consecutive multi-platinum singles in *"Sing," "Don't," "Photograph,"* and his global smash and biggest single to date *"Thinking Out Loud,"* which marked his first #1 at Top 40 radio and won a pair of GRAMMY awards, including highly coveted "Song Of The Year."

Furthermore, "x" was a global sensation reaching #1 on album charts in 14 countries including his native United Kingdom, and topping 95 iTunes charts across the globe. One of the planet's most popular live performers, Ed has played sold out headline shows at some of the biggest venues around the world, including Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA, Suncorp Stadium in Sydney, and at London's Wembley Stadium in front of 240,000 fans over 3 nights. Ed first broke through to the mainstream in 2012 with his debut album "+" (pronounced *plus*), which was a top 5 debut in the US and spent three weeks at #1 in the UK. "+" featured *"The A Team"*, an international smash which earned Ed his first GRAMMY nomination ("Song Of The Year") and went onto become that year's biggest-selling debut single in the UK.

Sheeran launched his own imprint, Gingerbread Man Records, in 2015, with the signing of fellow British singer songwriter Jamie Lawson – whose self-titled album debuted at #1 in the UK – and Irish troubadour Foy Vance.

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