**Forest Blakk releases debut EP *Minutes***

**Atlantic singer/songwriter to SUPPORT**

**NEEDTOBREATHE ON FALL NORTH AMERICAN TOUR**



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Atlantic singer/songwriter **Forest Blakk** has released his debut EP ***Minutes***, available today via all DSPs. Deemed an *“artist on the rise”* by **Billboard**, **Blakk**’s debut six-track collection also features latest single “[**Tread Lightly**](https://youtu.be/bhcsmwXFCOI),” along with previously released songs “[**Love Me**](https://youtu.be/31ZgP3u0B6o)” (which has accumulated over 10 million streams worldwide) and “[**Where I First Found You**](https://youtu.be/PGeaIdwJYYU).”

**Blakk** is set to hit the road this September supporting **NEEDTOBREATHE** for 15 dates along their North American tour, with more live dates to be announced soon.

*Minutes* EP tracklist:

1. Love Me

2. Easy to Lie

3. Where I First Found You

4. Tread Lightly

5. Heaven's Telephone

6. Dear Love

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Before **Forest Blakk** could sing about loss and love, he had to pull himself back from the brink. Raised by parents with a history of drug use, he has hair-raising tales of his childhood, including an assassination attempt on his father on the family’s front stoop, rooms full of cash, and constant uprooting to places like Jamaica and Florida.

**Blakk** underwent a spiritual and physical transformation that enabled him to carve a new musical direction that he calls “urban folk,” blending his identity as a city kid with his attraction to artists like **Don Henley** and **Joe Cocker**, whose soulfulness and emotionality resonate with him. Now he’s the kind of nimble songwriter who etches new facets into the surfaces of tried and true terrain. His piano- and acoustic-driven songs are ballads about loss, whether it’s letting go of someone you’re still in love with (his debut single “**Love Me**”) or physically losing someone through death; the reincarnation of love (“**Where I First Found You**”); or feeling love through lust. “It’s not as simple as just putting words on paper for me,” **Blakk** says. “It has to connect. Every single line in every song has to mean something.”

**Blakk** is deeply invested in empowering others to be visible, especially those who feel invisible, as he did as a kid. That his songs are as open-hearted and hopeful as they are is a testament to his personal resilience. His spoken word releases “[**Find Me**](https://youtu.be/T9sfAVOEVAQ)” and “[**Swipe Right**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bl3dNa4CzKM)” have proven to be incredibly powerful, with the latter even featuring a direct number to **Blakk** for listeners to call if they are feeling invisible.



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**“FOREVER ON YOUR SIDE” TOUR**

**ALL DATES SUPPORTING NEEDTOBREATHE:**

September 4 – Cincinnati, OH @ Riverbend Music Center

September 5 – Cleveland, OH @ Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica

September 7 – Minneapolis, MN @ The Armory

September 8 – Chicago, IL @ Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island

September 9 – Kansas City, MO @ Starlight Theatre

September 10 – Lincoln, NE @ Pinewood Bowl Theater

September 12 – Morrison, CO @ Red Rocks Amphitheatre

September 14 – Portland, OR @ Rose Quarter

September 15 – Seattle, WA @ CenturyLink Field

September 16 – Abbotsford, BC @ Abbotsford Entertainment & Sports Centre

September 18 – Oakland, CA @ Fox Theatre

September 19 – Paso Robles, CA @ Vina Robles Amphitheatre

September 21 – San Diego, CA @ Cal Coast Credit Union Open Air Theatre

September 22 – Los Angeles, CA @ Greek Theatre

September 23 – Phoenix, AZ @ Comerica Theatre

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