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**KOJEY RADICAL RELEASES DEBUT ALBUM “REASON TO SMILE”**

***REASON TO SMILE* OUT TODAY VIA ASYLUM/ATLANTIC RECORDS**

**INCLUDES THE RECENTLY RELEASED SINGLES “**[**PAYBACK**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GROTTbCaYv0)**” FT KNUCKS,**

**“**[**WAR OUTSIDE**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUjHt1lBNko)**” FT LEX AMOR AND “**[**GANGSTA**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAAJVnSBc4I)**”**

**ADDITIONAL APPREARANCES INCLUDE MASEGO, TIANA MAJOR9, KELIS,**

**SHAE UNIVERSE, WRETCH 32 & MORE**

A group of people jumping in the air

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(download high res album art [here](https://www.dropbox.com/s/4v252np6iojiwar/Kojey-Radical-ARTWORK.tif?dl=0))

*"On the brink of rap greatness" -* ***The Observer***

*"One of the most potent creative talents at work in British music" –* ***Clash***

*"A potent artistic force" -* ***Evening Standard***

*"Reason to Smile, a cohesive yet varied offering that makes no bones about its own ambition... His is clearly music to feel uplifted by, exploring the nuances of joy, hardship and masculinity" –* ***The Guardian***

*“He tips his hat to his heroes here, but the swagger and conviction that this record oozes is no imitation job – it’s all his own” –* ***Loud & Quiet***

**Kojey Radical**, one of the UK's most influential musical voices, today releases his long-awaited debut album ***Reason To Smile*** via **Asylum / Atlantic Records**. Featuring the acclaimed singles [**“Payback (ft. Knucks)”**,](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GROTTbCaYv0) **"**[**War Outside (ft Lex Amor)**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUjHt1lBNko)**"** and **"[Gangsta](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAAJVnSBc4I)",** the 15 track features guest appearances from **Tiana Major9, Masego, Shaé Universe, Cashh, Kelis, Lex Amor, Knucks, Shakka, Wretch 32, Ego Ella May** and **Rex Life Raj** and his own **mother** (whose voice weaves throughout the record) alongside a who's-who of global production talent including **KZ, Swindle, Jay Prince, iO, The FaNaTiX, Cadenza, 169, Venna, Ric & Thadeus, Blue Lab Beats, Emil Larbi, Mr Cutts** and **Ed Thomas.**

[**BUY / DOWNLOAD / STREAM REASON TO SMILE HERE**](https://kojey.lnk.to/ReasonToSmile)

To celebrate the release ***of Reason To Smile***, **Kojey Radical** has also announced a week long pop up ***Reason To Smile store*** at London’s **Boxpark Shoreditch,** where he’ll be selling physical copies of the album. It’s a full circle moment for Kojey, who used to work in unit 12 and will take over unit 21 from today (4th March) until Friday 11th March. Fans can expect to find Kojey and friends behind the counter and in store at various points over the week and should check socials for announcements.

2022 will also see **Kojey Radical’s** biggest ever live shows. Following a run of intimate UK in store and out-store performances the week of album release, Kojey will headline London’s legendary, 5000 capacity **O2 Academy Brixton** on 7th April 2022 and Manchester’s 2300 capacity **Albert Hall** on 6th April. For full details via [**https://kojeyradical.online/**](https://kojeyradical.online/)

**KOJEY RADICAL LIVE 2022**

**“From Me To You” Tour**

Friday 4th March Rough Trade East / London (Instore Performance + Signing)

Saturday 5th March Banquet Records @ Pryzm / Kingston (Out store Performance + Signing)

Monday 7th March Vinilo / Bournemouth (Performance)

Tuesday 8th March Resident / Brighton (Instore Performance + Signing)

Wednesday 9th March HMV / Manchester (Signing)

Wednesday 9th March Crash / Leeds (Performance)

Thursday 10th March HMV / Birmingham (Signing)

Thursday 10th March Rough Trade / Bristol (Performance + Signing)

**“Reason To Smile” Tour**

Wednesday 6th April The Albert Hall, Manchester

Thursday 7th April O2 Academy Brixton, London

**REASON TO SMILE OFFICIAL TRACKLIST**

1. Reason to Smile ft. Tiana Major9

2. Together

3. Nappy

4. Silk ft. Masego

5. Pressure ft. Shaé Universe

6. Born Feat Cash

7. Pusher Man BWI

8. Talkin ft Kelis & Tiana Major9

9. War Outside ft Lex Amor

10. Payback ft Knucks

11. Fubu

12. Beautiful ft Shakka & Wretch 32

13. Anywhere ft Ego Ella May

14. Solo ft. Rexx Life Raj

15. Gangsta

**ABOUT KOJEY RADICAL**

Born and raised in East London, British Ghanaian **Kwadwo Adu Genfi Amponsah** aka **Kojey Radical** is often described as a “renaissance man”. At 28 years old, he is at the forefront of a generation of young British artists who have pushed underground Black music into the mainstream over the last few years through a series of acclaimed, ambitious EPs - ***Dear Daisy***, ***23Winters, In Gods Body*** and ***Cashmere Tears*** - and collaborations with the likes of **Mahalia, Mereba, Ghetts, Shy FX, AJ Tracey, Swindle, Wretch32** and **MJ Cole**. On the eve of the release of his highly anticipated debut album ***Reason To Smile***, **Kojey Radical** embodies everything that makes an artist truly exciting in 2021; he’s an authentic and uncompromising creative force, constantly evolving and blurring boundaries as he moves from rap, funk, spoken word and poetry to fashion, art and film with an almost effortless fluidity.

**Connect with Kojey Radical:**

[**INSTAGRAM**](https://www.instagram.com/kojeyradical/)**//**[**SPOTIFY**](https://open.spotify.com/artist/1HMhQzj2QXxR40zGDdaK6y?si=S2U2mo5iQXWJ24ay-81xiA)**//**[**YOUTUBE**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7RkBA9GHCB_3Eo_vTNqwpQ)

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