

ROYAL & THE SERPENT ANNOUNCES DEBUT LP *EMPTINESS IS GODLY* + RELEASES DOUBLE SINGLE “FAVORITE PERSON” AND “FIONA”

***EMPTINESS IS GODLY* ARRIVES MAY 8 VIA ATLANTIC RECORDS**

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Royal & the Serpent turns the page on another chapter, announcing her anxiously awaited debut album, *Emptiness is Godly*, arriving May 8, 2026 via **Atlantic Records** (pre-order/pre-save [HERE](#)). The project is led by brand new double single “*Favorite Person*” and “*Fiona*,” delivering a multi-sensory experience with cinematic visuals of “*Favorite Person*” streaming on the singer-songwriter’s official YouTube channel [HERE](#).

The record unspools an immersive conceptual narrative tied together across the soundscapes and lyrics. Listeners get the first taste of her vision with the irresistible, innovative, and impactful alternative conjurations of “*Favorite Person*” and “*Fiona*.” By way of these songs, **Royal & the Serpent** beckons everyone into the embrace of a living, breathing, seething, and shimmering world of her own design through the eyes of a mysterious protagonist referred to only as “*R*.” Regarding what to expect, **Royal & the Serpent** stated, “*Favorite Person*’ is a big

reveal as we enter into the world of *'Emptiness is Godly'*. This song is the underlying theme to our story. Main character *'R'* finds herself entangled between two romances. Subject *'R'* exhibits as follows (but not limited to): confusion, guilt, self-awareness, remorse." Elaborating on *"Fiona,"* she continued, *"Fiona' is 'R's experience of nostalgia. Subject 'R' exhibits as follows (but not limited to): yearning, benevolence, grief, hope."*

Last we heard from **Royal & the Serpent** was in 2025 when she appeared at select dates of the sold-out **Vans Warped Tour** and dropped fan favorites **"Young As This"** and **"Euphoria."** **Royal & the Serpent** remains one of alternative music's most inimitable and irresistible outliers. She has impressively eclipsed 900 million global streams, nearing the 1 billion mark. Moreover, she has shared the stage with everyone from **Fall Out Boy** and **Avril Lavigne** to **Demi Lovato** and **Bring Me The Horizon**.

ABOUT ROYAL & THE SERPENT:

Royal & the Serpent is an artist entirely unafraid to bare the deepest and darkest parts of her psyche. After making her Atlantic Records debut with the 2020 EP, [get a grip](#) – highlighted by the RIAA Gold-certified single ["Overwhelmed,"](#) which spent 22 weeks on *Billboard's* "Alternative Airplay" chart – the L.A.-based singer-songwriter revealed even more of her frenetic inner world in 2022 with [IF I DIED WOULD ANYONE CARE](#) and [Happiness Is An Inside Job](#). Along the way she also teamed up with GRAMMY-nominated/multi-Platinum-certified **GAYLE** for vengeful collaboration ["kinda smacks"](#) and **The Beaches** on ["Blame Brett \(feat. Royal & the Serpent\)](#). Her single ["Wasteland"](#) from the Arcane League of Legends soundtrack has further cemented her impact, garnering over 115M global streams; she notably performed the track at [The Game Awards](#) in December 2024.

Royal's unfiltered songwriting has proved wildly resonant to her ever-growing fanbase, building a close-knit community of fans undeniably drawn to her one-of-a-kind balance of intense sensitivity and unruly self-possession. *"The main reason I make music is that it's the best therapy I could ever ask for: the process of taking everything in my brain and putting it on paper and then singing it out loud for people is so helpful and healing for me. The idea that my own expression can affect people in positive ways is such a blessing and a gift; I don't ever take it lightly. I just want to keep telling my truth and reach as many people as I possibly can, and see where this little journey takes us."*

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