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## Kevin P. Gilday The Glasgow Cross

<u>Experience</u> <u>Essential</u> is the debut album from Kevin P. Gilday & The Glasgow Cross, a collaboration between award winning spoken word artist Kevin P. Gilday and multi-instrumentalist Ralph Hector.

The album will be released on 18th June 2018 via Iffy Folk Records (Glasgow) and Nymphs & Thugs (London), and will be available in various digital formats, CD and limited edition vinyl.

The album was recorded between 4MH Studios, Clydeside; Green Door Studios, Glasgow and HCTS Studios, Barcelona throughout 2017. Marrying contemporary spoken word to an array of post punk, kraut and electronica; the album foregrounds an uncompromising new voice amid dynamic compositions. With a lyrical style alternating between witty wordplay and stark confessionals, the album delves into the crushing absurdity of modern living – at once painfully personal and achingly universal.

The project made their live debut in 2018 and have already drawn favourable reviews from the likes of RaveChild ("an ominous motorik squall reminiscent of The Fall's 1990s output (à la Code: Selfish), while Gilday lets loose his famously caustic diatribes") and were hand-picked to open for Akala on the Glasgow leg of his latest UK tour.

Kevin P. Gilday is a writer and spoken word artist. Kevin has performed all over the world, from Hollywood to East Kilbride, including major festivals (BBC 6Music Festival, Glastonbury), Fringes (Edinburgh, Toronto, Vancouver) as well as large scale tours of the UK, Germany, Canada and the US. He has supported artists such as Saul Williams, Sage Francis and George the Poet. His writing has appeared in publications and websites around the world while his series of videos created for the BBC have been viewed by over a quarter of a million people.

Ralph Hector is a multi-instrumentalist and producer. Alumni of Glasgow's The Sea Kings (BBC 6 Music, Radio Scotland, XFM), he currently writes and records with duo The Paperback Throne (BBC 6 Music, Radio Scotland) and plays keys with Pelts (Radio Scotland). Ralph previously collaborated with Kevin on the 2016 Record Store Day single 'Glasgow Overture' (Tom Robinson Mixtape, Amazing Radio).

The band will be performing a series of special launch gigs in support of the album:

June 18th - Sonnet Youth #20, Drygate, Glasgow June 19th - Sonnet Youth #20, Gilded Balloon, Edinburgh

June 23rd - Album Launch Party, The Flying Duck, Glasgow June 24th - Album Launch Party, Leith Depot, Edinburgh

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