

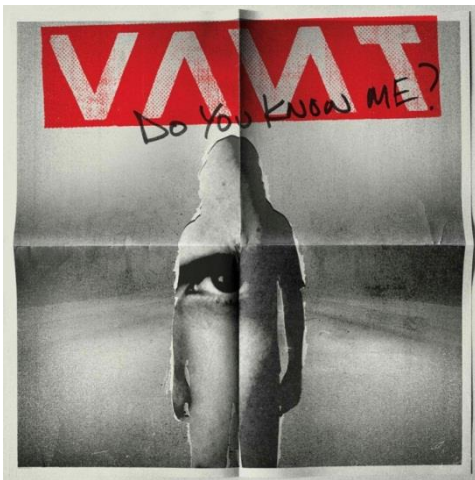
VANT

DEBUT ALBUM 'DUMB BLOOD' WILL BE RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 17TH

Current single 'DO YOU KNOW ME?' impacts the same day:

<https://youtu.be/-Yo4lw0qITA>

Announce biggest UK and Ireland tour to date includes London show at the Electric Ballroom



"They're incredible live, really exciting to watch and they just craft these perfect rock and roll songs, with huge hooks, that you can't get out of your head." – Annie Mac, Radio 1

"Lo-fi modern grunge from the Big Smoke with something – scratch that, a lot, to say." – Kerrang!

"Giddy grunge at 100mph." – NME

"Channel the likes of Pixies, the Manics, the Strokes and the Vines." – Sunday Times Culture

"Their trajectory is an unstoppable freight train." – DIY

"Their future is now." – Dork

After a succession of tracks that have been playlisted at **Radio 1** and which have exceeded **5 million** streams at **Spotify**, **VANT** are set to release their eagerly anticipated debut album '**DUMB BLOOD**' on **February 17th** on **Parlophone**.

The fiery punk rock and visceral alt-rock that pulsates through '**DUMB BLOOD**' is music that incites moshpit bedlam. Their lyrics, however, demand discussion – on **Syria**, environmentalism, sexual assault, inequality, racism, religion, social media isolation, and the all-out self-destruction of mankind.

"Every time we play a show it's a form of activism, a form of protest," says singer and centrepiece **Mattie Vant**. *"I wanted to do something that means something, that could have a positive impact. For me, rock music has always gone hand in hand with making a stand, being at the forefront of a movement and trying to change the world."*

It's a stance that's emphasised throughout the album. Current single '**PEACE & LOVE**' bewails inequality and the off-hand dismissal of the sixties counterculture ideals in the Brexit age, while other songs traverse the spectrum of social and political issues. The deceptively upbeat Americana of '**PARKING LOT**' disguises a dissection of sexual boundaries

and the rape culture of the US college system, and **'THE ANSWER'** was **Mattie's** brooding, forthright reaction to the chemical attacks and Western invasion of **Syria**.

Elsewhere, **'LAMPOON'** challenges the way that social media mob rules mutes our increasingly clued-up youth; the new wave garage rock of **'DO YOU KNOW ME?'** is an autobiographical take on **Mattie's** previous jobs in telesales and bartending; and **'I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD'** is an atheist anthem revelling in mortality.

The album will be released on **CD, vinyl** and **digital** formats as well as an expanded **special edition** on **CD** and **digital**.

VANT's accomplishments to date have encompassed powerful sets at festivals including **Glastonbury, Reading** and **Leeds and Bestival**; live shows as far afield as **Japan** and **Norway**; and shows with bands as varied as **Royal Blood, Catfish and the Bottlemen, Hinds, Nothing But Thieves** and **FIDLAR**.

The **London**-based quartet finished their recent headline tour at **London's Scala**. Tickets for their biggest **UK** and **Ireland** headline tour to date are on sale now:

Headline shows

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| Friday | February 24th | Nottingham, Rescue Rooms |
| Saturday | February 25th | Leeds, The Wardrobe |
| Sunday | February 26th | Dublin, Academy 2 |
| Monday | February 27th | Belfast, Oh Yeah |
| Wednesday | March 1st | Manchester, Gorilla |
| Thursday | March 2nd | Sheffield Plug |
| Friday | March 3rd | Birmingham, O2 Institute 2 |
| Saturday | March 4th | Swansea, Sin City |
| Sunday | March 5th | Oxford, O2 Academy 2 |
| Tuesday | March 7th | Portsmouth, Wedgewood Rooms |
| Wednesday | March 8th | Bristol, Thekla |
| Thursday | March 9th | London, Electric Ballroom |

The album tracklistings are:

Standard Edition

1. The Answer
2. Put Down Your Gun
3. Peace & Love
4. Lampoon
5. Parking Lot
6. Do You Know Me?
7. I Don't Believe In God
8. Fly-By Alien
9. Headed For The Sun
10. Parasite
11. Are We Free?
12. Karma Seeker
13. Time & Money

Special Edition

1. The Answer
2. Put Down Your Gun
3. Peace & Love
4. Lampoon
5. Parking Lot
6. Do You Know Me?
7. Freedom Of Movement
8. I Don't Believe In God
9. (Transmission)
10. Fly-By Alien

11. Headed For The Sun
12. Parasite
13. Are We Free?
14. Karma Seeker
15. Time & Money
16. Peace & Love (Reprise)
17. Welcome To The Wonderful World Of Berners Lee
18. Mess Around
19. Birth Certificate
20. Bribe Me To My Grave
21. All Our Babies
22. Holy Water

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