

## NEW TRACK <u>'FLY-BY ALIEN'</u> IMPACTS MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIE MAC'S HOTTEST RECORD IN THE WORLD

Watch 'Fly-by Alien' video here <a href="http://smarturl.it/vantflybyalien">http://smarturl.it/vantflybyalien</a>

## April headline tour also announced

"Channel the likes of Pixies, the Manics, the Strokes and the Vines with such brio and menace that resistance seems futile." — Sunday Times

"The hype is real with these guys." - DIY

"Sound like the MC5 warring with DFA 1979." - NME

"The band cut a swagger that could've been perfected during the garage rock revival of the early 2000s, but play with an energy and looseness that you might expect to find in the pop punk scene." — Clash





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Having played a blistering sold out **NME Awards** show at The **Lexington**, **London**-via-**Seaham** quartet **VANT** can now announce details of their new single **'FLY-BY ALIEN'** which has just been named as **Radio 1's Annie Mac's Hottest Record in the World**.

Produced by the band's regular collaborator **Sam Miller**, **'FLY-BY ALIEN'** is a maelstrom of irrepressible melody, focused aggression and frontman **Mattie Vant's** vehement vocal delivery. Blurring the lines between a contemporary update of punk and grunge, it's a track that reiterates why many critics are drawing positive comparisons with artists such as **Pixies**, **Manic Street Preachers**, **The Strokes** and **DFA 1975**.

"FLY-BY ALIEN is about an extraterrestrial travelling through the universe to find a planet that can support life," says vocalist/guitarist Mattie Vant. "The alien stumbles upon Earth and contemplates destroying the planet but instead leaves its residents with a transmission of hope: 'You have a meaning, you have a purpose / This life is short, make sure it's worth it."

Now available to download and stream, 'FLY-BY ALIEN' will also be available on 7" luminous vinyl as part of this year's Record Store Day event on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The accompanying video has been directed by Youth Hymns, the self-proclaimed purveyor of "visceral visuals" whose credits include Wolf Alice's 'Freasy' and Slaves' 'The Hunter'.

In the space of just three releases (<u>'Parasite'</u> / <u>'Do You Know Me?'</u>, <u>'The Answer'</u> and <u>'Parking Lot'</u>) VANT have already developed a growing reputation as proponents of songs that are short, sharp and socially aware remedies to the ignorance of most modern consumerist pop music. As a result, VANT have been widely tipped as a band that are set to make a major breakthrough in 2016.

VANT took huge strides forward throughout 2015. They had extensive airplay at Radio 1, Beats 1, 6 Music and Radio X with support from DJs including Annie Mac, Zane Lowe and Huw Stephens, while their many live shows included dates with Royal Blood, Fidlar and Hinds as well as a co-headlining slot on the DIY Presents Tour. Their debut summer festival schedule called at Reading, Leeds, The Great Escape, Dot To Dot, Calling Festival, Secret Garden Party, Boardmasters and Bingley Live.

**2016** has started just as strongly. So far they've played **Radio 1's Future Festival** as one of an exclusive selection of hotly tipped new artists, and the **DIY Presents: Ahoy 2016** showcase at European music platform **Eurosonic Nooderslag** (where **3FM** named **VANT** the number one live act to see in 2016).

**VANT's** upcoming **UK** headline tour is scheduled as below. Their upcoming European dates include festival slots at **Motel Mozaique** and **Printemps de Bourges**.

## <u>April</u>

17<sup>th</sup> – Bristol, The Louisiana

18<sup>th</sup> – Cardiff, Clwb Ifor Bach

19<sup>th</sup> – Swansea, Sin City

20<sup>th</sup> – London, Boston Music Room

22<sup>nd</sup> – Birmingham, Sunflower Lounge

23<sup>rd</sup> – Sheffield, Plug

25<sup>th</sup> – Nottingham, Bodega Social Club

26<sup>th</sup> – Manchester, Deaf Institute

27<sup>th</sup> - Glasgow, King Tut's

28<sup>th</sup> - Newcastle, The Cluny

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