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## ETHAN GRUSKA UNVEILS MUSIC VIDEO FOR “REOCCURRING DREAM”

TO JOIN AGNES OBEL ON TOUR

NEW ALBUM *SLOWMOTIONARY* OUT THIS  
FRIDAY ON SIRE RECORDS

The official music video for **Ethan Gruska’s “Reoccurring Dream”** is premiering today and can now be shared/watched [HERE](#). Of the video, Gruska shares:

*“I never met my grandmother. She died when my mom was 16. At this point she’s been gone for longer than she was alive.*

*What little I knew was that she was a successful supporting actress in the movies. I knew she was beautiful, funny, eccentric, and the life of the party. However, these desirable traits are often paired with their opposites, as we all have seen. I’ve only really been able to speculate on how dynamic a person she might have been...until now. Because she died at such a young age--leaving her family behind—I could only imagine her through the filter of her children--my family--and because of their loss, her life has always been tinged with sadness in my mind. I was never fully able to comprehend the range of who she might have been.*

*Last month, when my uncle handed me this Super 8 footage of my grandma (with her mother and her father) taken between the 1940’s and the 1970’s, I was completely blown away. I was finally able to see her in action and watching this footage was like meeting her for the first time. I saw my mother in her. I saw my uncles in her, my sister, and myself. I saw people I didn’t know, and then found out that they were my relatives. I saw the real life she lived. I realized that all of us are the Reoccurring Dreams within our own families and that history repeats itself in all of us.*

*This footage brings my grandma to life and it affects me profoundly to watch her moving beyond the confines of time and her own short life.*

*When I set this footage to my song, I felt it was as if she were sending me a message...”*

“Reoccurring Dream” appears on Gruska’s anticipated debut solo album, *Slowmotionary*, which will be released this Friday, **March 3** on **Sire Records** and is now available for [pre-order](#).

In celebration of the release, Ethan Gruska will join critically acclaimed Danish singer-songwriter **Agnes Obel** on her upcoming North American tour. See below for complete details.

Already receiving advance acclaim, [The Wild Honey Pie](#), praises, “There’s a certain closeness to Ethan Gruska’s newest song, ‘Reoccurring Dream.’ The guitar work and vocal delivery feel effortless—more an intimate, earnest performance than something overthought and immaculately

produced. That’s not to say that the song itself isn’t beautifully constructed and recorded. It just feels more natural, with a certain texture that only comes when a recording manages to truly capture a track’s underlying sentiment.”

Produced by **Tony Berg** (Andrew Bird, Phoebe Bridgers, Aimee Mann, etc.), *Slowmotionary* includes 12 original songs and was mixed by Bob Clearmountain and mastered by Bob Ludwig. In addition to Ethan on various instruments (piano, guitar and drums to name a few), the album features Blake Mills (Andrew Bird, Alabama Shakes) on guitar, Rob Moose (Sufjan Stevens, Bon Iver, etc.) on strings and violin, Gabe Noel (Joseph, Pete Yorn) on cello and bass and Ethan’s sister, Barbara Gruska (The Belle Brigade, Jenny Lewis), on percussion.

“What I hope is that people can sense the vulnerability in the writing,” says Gruska of the album. “I didn’t want perfect. I wanted true. I wanted honest. I didn’t want to hide behind anything. That’s why it’s produced and arranged the way it is. It’s very barren at certain moments. These songs slow down time for me, which is why I called it *Slowmotionary*. I needed to put myself out there musically and lyrically.”

In addition to his solo work, Gruska co-produced Phoebe Bridgers’ new album, *Smoke Signals*. He is based in Los Angeles, CA.



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## ***SLOWMOTIONARY* TRACK LIST**

1. The Valley
2. Me Who Wasn’t Trying
3. Reoccurring Dream

4. Short Film
5. Rather Be
6. Crowded City Street
7. Grand Lies
8. Neighbors
9. What Are You Thinking Of?
10. Time Is The Healer
11. The Egotist
12. Illuminate

## **ETHAN GRUSKA CONFIRMED TOUR DATES**

- March 7—Washington, DC—9:30 Club\*
- March 8—Boston, MA—The Sinclair\*
- March 9—Philadelphia, PA—Union Transfer\*
- March 11—New York, NY—La Poisson Rouge\*
- March 13—Nashville, TN—Mercy Lounge\*
- March 15—Houston, TX—The Heights Theater\*
- March 16-18—Austin, TX—SXSW
- March 20—Phoenix, AZ—MIM Music Theater\*
- March 21—Los Angeles, CA—El Rey Theatre\*
- March 22—San Francisco, CA—The Independent\*
- March 24—Portland, OR—Wonder Ballroom\*
- March 26—Seattle, WA—Tractor Tavern\*
- March 29—Minneapolis, MN—The Cedar\*
- March 30—Chicago, IL—Old Town School of Folk\*
- March 31—Ann Arbor, MI—The Ark\*
- April 2—Stoughton, WI—Stoughton Opera House\*

\*appearing with Agnes Obel

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