

The xx : I See You



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I remember listening to their self-titled debut album in 2009 and getting hooked immediately. This was during the time Indie music started to get big around my generation. In 2012 the band came out with their second album, "Coexist." After four year hiatus, from Jamie Smith releasing his first solo album, 2015's "In Colour," and personal self-growth, "I See You" is out for the world to experience.

The trio works its magic and intriguing set of artwork. The combination of indie pop, dance music with a mix of R&B is all wrapped in lustrous and captivating songs as they pull you in. Childhood friends reunite for their third studio collaboration. Romy Madley-Croft, Oliver Sim and Jamie Smith started their friendship at a young age. Now the group is giving the world their best version and being comfortable in their own skin.

On their third album, "I See You," The xx has grown up and shown their fans this growth through their music. The opening song, "Dangerous," talks about people will doubt their relationship, but they will be strong enough for each other and value the bond that has been built, "No one can take this away should it all fall down, I'll treasure each day." Relationships can be fragile, but they're willing to be strong for each other. "I won't shy away should it all fall down."

Croft opens up about dealing with the death of her parents in "Brave For You." She is willing to get out of her comfort zone and be courageous "So I will be brave for you, stand on a stage for you, do the things that I'm afraid to do, I know you want me to, I will be brave." Destructive patterns are dealt with in "A Violent Noise." During the nights looking for answers out there in the world, "You've been staying out late trying your best to escape" and realizing you don't need to run away to deal with inner demons.

A ray of topics continues from not becoming a spinning image of their parents in "Replica" and a love song "Say Something Loving," which embraces the relationship between Croft and Sim. The final song of the album, "Test Me," reassures the group that their friendship is worth fighting for, and together is where they are meant to be "Test me, see if I stay, how could I walk the other way?"

The band is touring Europe and will have a North American tour starting in April at Coachella. With your new album, the xx, we see you and see you even more than ever before.