

Music Albums to Look Forward to in 2017

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2017 is shaping up to be an exciting year for music. Many iconic bands seem to be on the verge of releasing new material in the coming months, including a lot of bands that have left us waiting at the edge of our seats for ages. Here is a list of bands that will be releasing their works in 2017, some of which are yet to be announced.

Drake, *More Life* (To be announced)

Celebrating Drake's birthday last month, the record label OVO Sound announced the title of his upcoming album *More Life*, where they announced three new songs namely *Fake Love*, *Sneakin*, and *Two Birds, One Stone*. Drake was rumoured to release this album within December. Although any more material from *More Life* wasn't introduced since then, we can expect this album to take its full shape within 2017, making this his second official release after the incredibly successful *Views*.

Coldplay, *Kaleidoscope EP* (To be announced)

After fuelling rumours that the band will stop recording new songs after their seventh album release, in a surprise twitter post on November 2016, Coldplay announced that they're working on new songs that will be released within 2017 called the *Kaleidoscope EP*. So far, no other *Kaleidoscope* details (release date, track list, etc.) are known, apart from the fact its name comes from an interlude track on the 2015 album. Here's to hoping Martin will experiment to great lengths with this album.

Ed Sheeran

After the releasing the largely successful album, *X*, in 2014, Ed Sheeran has hinted about releasing new songs at the beginning of 2017 and rightly so, he's kept his promise. On a video post released on Facebook on Sunday, Ed announced that his new works are to be released on the 6th.

The Gorrilaz (To be announced)

The gang is back after six years, gearing up for giving us new material after the last album *The Fall* released back in 2010. Details about the new album are sketchy, but band members Noodles, Murdoc, 2D and Russel are definitely up to something. The band's social media



account has been firing up by giving us hints and teasers on the new album but the members are adamant on keeping their mouths shut. Fingers crossed for now.

Eminem, *Success* (To be announced)

Eminem's highly anticipated album was expected to come out in 2016 but it seems it's happening in 2017 and we're excited. The Rap God's new album was accidentally leaked and it showcased 21 songs in total with amazing line-ups comprising of his work with Adele, Kendrick Lamar and J Cole. Although the "leaked" copy of the album doesn't show collaboration from Skylar Grey, Snoop Dogg and Dr.Dre, we know that they are probably doing something special. We can also expect a tribute song dedicated to his late best friend.

System of a Down (To be announced)

In a November interview, drummer John Dolmayan

said that they've been working on a new album for the last six months and there are about 15 songs that they think are album-worthy. Although a release date hasn't been confirmed yet, we can anticipate big things due to the latest teasers of their jamming sessions from the band's page. The band has also claimed that this album will be completely different from their previous work

Other bands such as The Killers, Fleetwood Mac, Queens of the Stone Age have also announced releases for 2017. No doubt this year will be an exciting one for music.

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The TV Show Equivalent of Hot Chocolate

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There are currently two kinds of people in the country: the ones with Snapchat stories of day-long wedding festivities, and others who no longer have the taste for anything but warm socks and warmer mugs of beverage. If you're among the latter, you need to get your hands on episodes of *Gilmore Girls*.

I don't mean the Netflix reboot, although that might be the natural choice if you've just finished the original series. I mean the golden days of awkward acting, fur-lined denim jackets, and obsession with lip gloss as the ultimate cure, all made surreal through the slightly fuzzy picture quality of shows from the early 2000s. If the past few months of near-scary GG binge have taught me anything, it's that Amy Sherman-Palladino's creation is the cosiest and most affectionate TV-viewing experience you can imagine short of Baymax trudging out of your TV set to give you a hug.

Gilmore Girls is a mother-daughter story about love, life, and growth; it's about colourful-as-Skittles Lorelai Gilmore who decides that if great men can name their sons after them, she can damn well

share the same bond with her daughter Lorelai (Rory) Gilmore. Set against the backdrop of a quaint town called Stars Hollow, Lorelai and Rory learn to stay best friends as they grow in different directions because of work, education, circumstances, and men. They navigate through life's milestones separately but remain, at the core, a duo that loves to eat big, talk fast, and exchange a constant slew of clever literary and pop-culture references. That's the cheesy part of it.

Its most endearing quality lies in its very natural depiction of life. With the only exception of the characters' talking a-mile-a-minute that may feel a tad unnatural at times, *Gilmore Girls* shows how no event, good or bad, means

the end of the world. Their days begin with breakfast and a cup of coffee at Luke's Diner, Luke being an almost honorary family member and the modest town-man version of Mr. Darcy. We're shown how each of the town's members, all as endearing as they are weird, navigate through their own joys and tragedies, as Lorelai and Rory do the same.

You can relate to Rory's fear as an outsider on her first day at a posh private school, and to Lorelai's dilemma as she struggles to introduce a man into their mix for the first time in years. Later incidents show how it's okay to grow up focusing on one central plan all your life, only to find out that a different route suits you better based on who you've become through the

years. You want to hug Lorelai as she tries her hardest to deal with difficult parents, somehow managing to not scream until the next family dinner in which everything somehow naturally returns to normalcy – a scene we're all familiar with in our daily lives. You want to slow-clap for Rory for never letting a difficult breakup or any other tragedy affect her academic performance or her career dreams. The characters don't engage in unnecessary drama, always reacting with the kind of maturity or lack thereof with which we'd handle events in our own lives. Through it all, as Rory evolves from a nervous, introverted girl to a woman who works wonders to achieve her literary and journalistic dreams, and as the two women manage to make room for others in their fiercely strong little family, you find yourself in love with the inhabitants of Stars Hollow.

They're the most effective form of stress relief if you've had a tiring day at work or school, or if you're just craving for some comfort.

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