

## CASUAL VICE

## "ON THE EXOTIC" LP

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Anthony Bourdain once said, "If I'm an advocate for anything, it's to move. As far as you can, as much as you can..." So when the world came to a screeching halt, Casual Vice decided they would keep moving through their creative drive, writing and releasing like never before. For the So-Cal duo's debut full-length album, Kyle Krone and Brandon Hoogenboom travel through the romantic terrain of indie pop, adding flavors they weren't able to access through actual travel.

"What would have been the physical act of traveling became interchangeable with the limitless destinations that creating music can offer," composer Kyle Krone says. "My writing began to expand wider in response to my circumstances, I needed my music more than ever, I needed my books, my typewriter, my pen, the studio. I spent nearly all my time in the studio, traveling in my mind through the music I've been creating and the art, film, and literature I've been absorbing."

For this reason, Kyle borrowed the title "On The Exotic" from Alain De Botton's "The Art Of Travel" — an homage to the ceaseless possibilities of travel, one way or another. The duo produced the songs at Kyle's home studio, working through each track to capture different sensational vibes. The songs they wrote together for the album have a multitude of layers, both of their voices blending together within the songs to create a cohesive, individual album with depth and dimension.

"We were in search of something unknown, or just a different feeling," Kyle adds. "Recalling those fleeting near-perfect moments of travel exerted a certain influence over the sound and subject matter of the songs. The making of this record served as a potent therapy to reshape and re-characterize the quality of my days."

Casual Vice will be performing for the first time at Hotel Cafe Sept. 9th as part of the Junkfood PR Showcase.

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