**ALFA MIST - ‘VARIABLES’**

**NEW ALBUM OUT NOW VIA ANTI-**

[**LISTEN HERE**](https://alfamist.ffm.to/variables) **+ WATCH ALBUM VISUALS** [**HERE**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlMqTCa6aro)

**SHARES NEW SINGLE “FOREWORD” -** [**LISTEN HERE**](https://youtu.be/liA11Leyuds)

**INTERNATIONAL TOUR KICKS OFF IN THE U.S. ON APRIL 27;**

**RETURNING FOR NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL THIS AUGUST**

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**“**Epic**” - UNCUT**

"*Variables finds Mist and his crew in an effortless groove, refusing to commit to a single disciple"* - **CRACK**

“Lulling and hypnotic” -  **MOJO**

Today, **Alfa Mist** releases [***Variables***](https://alfamist.ffm.to/variables), his highly anticipated new album and second release via **Anti-**. The East London artist, producer and label founder will also launch his extensive international tour in support of *Variables* later this month in the U.S. before returning this August for a performance at the **Newport Jazz Festival.** The *Variables* tour will see him perform in venues throughout Japan, Australia, EU and the UK, in addition to the U.S. shows. Of the album, Alfa notes, “I’ve been focused on who I am in my music, but now I’m exploring where I am. I’m asking: how did I get here?” This is the journeying question that underpins his latest record, a collection that is expansive, soulful and moving, in both body and spirit. Listen to *Variables* in full now: <https://alfamist.ffm.to/variables>.

Alfa Mist also worked with Australian filmmaker and visual artist **SPOD** to create an accompanying visual release of the album, based off of the album artwork by **Kaya Thomas-Dyke**. Watch the full album visuals here: <https://youtu.be/ZlMqTCa6aro>.

Along with the album release, Alfa Mist has shared the focus track “[**Foreword**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liA11Leyuds&feature=youtu.be).” The song brings absolute sublime jazz bliss: guitars traverse intricate drum rhythms and cascading piano that demonstrates the buzzing jazz artist’s grand ability to orchestrate challenging yet easy-to-love compositions. Listen to “Forward” here: <https://youtu.be/liA11Leyuds>.

On *Variables*, Alfa achieves his most fully-realized, expressive musical work to date*,* coupling his keen ear for looping, memorably emotive piano melodies with intuitive grooves and a free-flowing jazz improvisation. *Variables* sees Alfa Mist offer a diverse listening experience, as he dives into the argument of nature versus nurture on the rhythmic **‘Borderline’** to the airy, crystallic sounds of **‘Cycles’**. The album’s standout features are captivating, with long-time collaborator and band’s bass player **Kaya Thomas-Dyke**’s gentle vocals adding an ethereal essence on **‘Aged Eyes’**, whilst the South African folk singer **Bongeziwe Mabandla** drapes the vibrant backdrop and **Jas Kayser**’s frenetic drum playing with his crystalline falsetto on **‘Apho**’. “**4th Feb (Stay Awake)**” is a lofi offering that pairs Alfa’s reflective bars with a groove-heavy production and “**BC**” is a colourful swell of expressive and unrestrained percussion, demonstrating the ingenuity of Alfa Mist and his close knit band.

Since the release of his first full-length project *Nocturne* in 2015, Alfa has established himself as one of the UK’s most focused, in-demand and distinct musical voices. He has worked with the likes of **Jordan Rakei** and **Tom Misch**. Artists look to him for his unique blend of intimate bedroom production and expansive jazz group orchestration, since Alfa is yet to be boxed into a specific genre. His music spans everything from hip-hop beat-making to producing for artists such as rapper **Loyle Carner**, composing neo-classical works for the **London Contemporary Orchestra**, and reworking tracks from composer **Ólafur Arnalds** and pioneering jazz label **Blue Note**.

**‘VARIABLES’ TRACKLISTING**

01 - Foreword

02 - Borderline

03 - Aged Eyes (feat. Kaya Thomas-Dyke)

04 - Cycles

05 - The Gist

06 - Genda (Go Away)

07 - Apho (feat. Bongeziwe Mabandla)

08 - Variables

09 - 4th Feb (Stay Awake)

10 - BC



***‘Variables’ artwork (Credit: Kaya Thomas-Dyke) /*** [***download here***](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/sr4bpbc9b0rruu0qnquql/h/Alfa%20Mist%20-%20Variables.jpg?dl=0&rlkey=vz4hx5y2onk8qcryqq168gi2r)

**ALFA MIST TOUR DATES**

Apr 27 Philadelphia, PA - The Ardmore Music Hall

Apr 29 Brooklyn, NY - Music Hall of Williamsburg

Apr 30 New York, NY - Racket

May 02 Chicago, IL - Thalia Hall

May 04 Los Angeles, CA - Fonda Theatre

May 05 San Francisco, CA - August Hall

May 13 Berlin, Germany - XJAZZ! Festival

May 20 Norfolk, UK - Norfolk & Norwich Festival, Norwich

May 25 Liège, Belgium - Jazz a Liege Festival

May 28 London, UK - Cross The Tracks Festival

May 31 Sydney, Australia - Sydney Opera House (Vivid LIVE)

Jun 02 Adelaide, Australia - Burnside Ballroom

Jun 03 Melbourne, Australia - Croxton Bandroom

Jun 05 Osaka, Japan - Billboard Live (2x)

Jun 07 Tokyo, Japan - Billboard Live (2x)

Jun 08 Yokohama, Tokyo - Billboard Live (2x)

Jul 9 Istanbul, Turkey - İstanbul Caz Festivali

Jul 20 Sion, Switzerland - Palp Festival (Schlösser)

Jul 22 Marseille, France - Théâtre Silvain

Aug 04 Newport, RI - Newport Jazz Festival

Oct 4 Paris, France - La Cigale

Oct 09 The Hague, Netherlands - Paard Van Stal

Oct 10 Nijmegen, Netherlands - Doornroosje

Oct 11 Groningen, Netherlands - SPOT/De Oosterpoort

Oct 27 Budapest, Hungary - House of Magic

Oct 28 Prague, Czech Republic - Mladi Ladi Jazz Festival

Nov 16 Dublin, Ireland - Opium Rooms

Nov 18 Glasgow, UK - BAaD

Nov 19 Manchester, UK - RNCM Concert Hall

Nov 20 Bristol, UK - Trinity

Nov 22 London, UK - HERE at Outernet

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