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**MJ Lenderman Signs To ANTI- and Presents New Single/Video, “**[**Rudolph**](https://youtu.be/2QevZ5z9Cq4)**”**

**U.S. Tour Runs July 19 — September 24,**

**Including Pitchfork Music Festival**

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"[MJ Lenderman] brings exceptional humor, wit and empathy to twangy tracks about fulfillment and failure" — *NPR Music*, The Best Rock Albums of 2022

"[MJ Lenderman] weaves together poetic hallucinations with unglamorous imagery of daily life”

— *Pitchfork*, The Best Albums of 2022

"[MJ Lenderman is] a new entrant to the pantheon inhabited by the likes of John Prine, Jason Molina, Mark Linkous (Sparklehorse), Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers), Vic Chesnutt, and others, those who sang proudly from and for their Middle American corners” - *Uncut*

Today, **MJ Lenderman** —Asheville, NC’s effortlessly disarming singer-songwriter and guitarist of the band Wednesday—announces his **signing to ANTI-** and presents a **new single/video**, “**Rudolph**.” “Rudolph” marks Lenderman’s first new music following the release of his breakthrough 2022 LP, ***Boat Songs***, which was released to a wealth of praise and deemed one of the year’s best records by *Pitchfork*, *Rolling Stone*, *NPR Music*, *Paste,* and many others. Lenderman comments, “‘Rudolph’ was the first song I wrote after the release of *Boat Songs*. I had been sitting on the guitar part for a long time and slowly worked out the song whenever I could in between tours in 2022. I finished the lyrics with my friend one late night after a Wednesday gig in Atlanta.”

“Rudolph waking up in the road / Dew dripping off his red nose / Blue and black tire track torn / Through a beautiful doe” repeats the chorus, highlighting Lenderman’s juxtaposition of the gentle and the extreme. “Rudolph” will be the A-side to a forthcoming 7-inch single, which can be [pre-ordered here and will be out this Fall](https://mjlenderman.ffm.to/rudolph).

[**Watch MJ Lenderman’s “Rudolph” Video**](https://youtu.be/2QevZ5z9Cq4)

Warped pedal steels and skuzzed out guitar; a voice reminiscent of the high-lonesome warble of a choirboy; the keen observations and reflections of a front stoop philosopher. MJ Lenderman’s songs snake their way from a lo-fi home recording to something glossier made with longtime friends at a hometown studio, but the recording setting doesn’t seem to matter much – at its core, a Lenderman song rings true. His music spans stories about everything from a relationship disintegrating outside the high-end butcher shop to a sighting of football star Dan Marino at the local Harris Teeter; from a love song built around a t-shirt kiosk at the airport, or the malaise of a grill rusting in the rain. And those are just some of the things you might find across his three solo records: ***MJ Lenderman*** (2019, Sub-Fi), ***Ghost of Your Guitar Solo*** (2021, Dear Life), and acclaimed studio debut, ***Boat Songs*** (2022, Dear Life).

This week, Lenderman will embark on a **U.S. tour**, bringing his “righteously ragged” (*Under The Radar*) live show to the **Pitchfork Music Festival** in **Chicago**. Other stops include **Nashville**, **Los Angeles**, and a performance at **Woodsist Festival**. Full dates are listed below and tickets are on sale now.

**MJ Lenderman Tour Dates**

Wed. July 19 - Nashville, TN @ The Basement East

Thu. July 20 - Bloomington, IN @ The Bishop Bar

Fri. July 21 - Chicago, IL @ Lincoln Hall

Sat. July 22 - Chicago, IL @ Pitchfork Music Festival

Sun. July 23 - Nelsonville, OH @ Nelsonville Music Festival

Fri. Aug. 4 - Happy Valley, OR @ Pickathon

Tue. Aug. 8 - Pioneertown, CA @ Pappy + Harriet’s

Thu. Aug. 10 - Los Angeles, CA @ Lodge Room

Fri. Aug. 25 - Port Townsend, WA @ Thing Fest

Sat. Sept. 23 - Sun. Sept. 24 - Accord, NY @ Woodsist Festival

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(“Rudolph” Cover Artwork)

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