**ALFA MIST**

**SHARES NEW SINGLE “APHO”**

**FT. BONGEZIWE MABANDLA**

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**NEW ALBUM *VARIABLES* OUT APRIL 21 VIA ANTI-**

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Today, East London musician, producer, composer and rapper **Alfa Mist** shares another single titled “[**Apho**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1J4MvyL2to&feature=youtu.be)” from his highly anticipated forthcoming album ***Variables*** out **April 21st** on **ANTI-**.

“**Apho**”’ features South African folk singer **Bongeziwe Mabandla** who pens the yearning love song to Alfa’s spellbinding guitar led arrangement. Intricately layered with the deep, grounding sounds of the cello and **Mabandla’s** crystalline falsetto that skips over drummer **Jas Kayser**’s frenetic beat, “Apho” offers a swirl of emotions, taking you on a melancholic yet thrilling journey.

The video by Australian filmmaker, SPOD is based on the album artwork painted by the band's bass player, Kaya Thomas-Dyke. In constant motion - shapes, figures and rich tones of blue and purple morph into each other throughout to captivating affect.

[**LISTEN TO / WATCH “APHO” FT. BONGEZIWE MABANDLA**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1J4MvyL2to&feature=youtu.be)

“I’ve been focused on who I am in my music, but now I’m exploring where I am,” Alfa Mist says of the new single. “I’m asking: how did I get here?”

This is the journeying question that underpins Alfa’s fifth album, ***Variables****.* Traversing luscious, big band swing, head-nodding boom-bap rhythms and yearning vocal melodies, the record is expansive, soulful and moving, in both body and spirit. On *Variables,* his second release for ANTI-, 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.

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’ artwork by Kaya Thomas-Dyke / download*** [***here***](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z2-GBSQi8RqdJg_v3H7e60huBA9AjsLg/view?usp=sharing)

***Variables* tracklisting**

1. Foreword
2. Borderline
3. [Aged Eyes (feat. Kaya Thomas-Dyke)](https://youtu.be/PvQStSZIiD4)
4. Cycles
5. The Gist
6. Genda (Go Away)
7. Apho (feat. Bongeziwe Mabandla)
8. Variables
9. [4th Feb (Stay Awake)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg7-VHGLDhk)
10. [BC](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMLxnRGHqh4)

**ALFA MIST TOUR DATES**

4/1 - Transition Festival - Utrecht, Netherlands

4/27 - The Ardmore Music Hall - Philadelphia, US

4/29 - Music Hall of Williamsburg - New York, US

4/30 - Racket - New York, US

5/2 - Thalia Hall - Chicago, US

5/4 - Fonda Theatre - Los Angeles, US

5/5 - August Hall - San Francisco, US

5/13- XJAZZ! Festival - Berlin, Germany

5/20 - Norfolk & Norwich Festival - Norwich, UK

5/25 - Jazz A Liege - Liège, Belgium

5/28 - Cross The Tracks Festival - London, UK

5/31 - Sydney Opera House (Vivid LIVE) - Sydney, Australia

7/9 - İstanbul Caz Festivali - Istanbul, Turkey

7/22 - Théâtre Silvain - Marseille, France

8/4 August - Newport Jazz Festival - Newport, US

10/4 - La Cigale - Paris, France

10/9 - Paard Van Stal - The Hague, Netherlands

10/10 - Doornroosje - Nijmegen, Netherlands

10/11 October - SPOT/De Oosterpoort - Groningen, Netherlands

10/27 - House of Magic, Budapest, Hungary

10/28 - Mladi Ladi Jazz Festival - Prague, Czech Republic

11/16 - Opium Rooms - Dublin, Ireland

11/18 - BAaD - Glasgow, UK

11/19 - RNCM Concert Hall - Manchester, UK

11/20 - November - Trinity - Bristol, UK

11/22 - November - Outernet - London, UK

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