

Hannah Marks - *Outsider, Outlier*

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RIYL: Deerhoof, Sonic Youth, Esperanza Spalding, Melvins, Becca Stevens, Jen Shyu, Ambrose Akinmusire, Dinosaur Jr., Kim Gordon, Nirvana, The Jesus Lizard.

Recommended Tracks: #1 (I Wanna B Ur) 90s Dreamgirl #3 Outsider, Outlier #8 I'll Ask Anyway

Hannah Marks - *Outsider, Outlier* (OOYH 024) consists of ten compositions performed by a unique ensemble that hybridizes jazz and rock. All music and lyrics were written by Marks, whose influences span a wide range of artists including Sonic Youth, Becca Stevens, Ornette Coleman, Esperanza Spalding, and Deerhoof. Like Marks, these artists prioritize storytelling, but also utilize an array of sonic textures, and rely heavily on improvisation at the core of their music. Marks is already well known as a rising bassist on the NYC jazz scene, having performed with luminaries like Geoffrey Keezer, Nasheet Waits, Terri Lyne Carrington, Anna Webber, Miles Okazaki, Ingrid Jensen, Kalia Vandever, Matt Wilson, among others. However, *Outsider, Outlier* showcases a different side of her expansive musical personality, influenced by her love for punk, noise, and free improvisation, with lyrics at the forefront. The songs are mostly through-composed, with carefully constructed improvisational sections that illustrate raw energy, passion, anger, and sadness throughout the project. But make no mistake, her formidable talent on both the electric and double bass is on full display throughout the recording.

Outsider, Outlier documents Marks' search for belonging, love, and empowerment through examining key relationships in her life. Musically, radical tempo and stylistic changes represent the tumultuous nature of unhealthy relationships and ensuing bouts of anxiety. Marks uses elements of campy musical cliches and musical theater-like melodies to poke fun at her emotions, treat them with playful energy, and create a safe yet cathartic space to process her feelings. The album documents her struggle to trust in herself and others — ultimately ending on a hopeful note with the lyric "what scares you first will help you grow."



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1. (I Wanna B Ur) 90s Dreamgirl (5:02)
2. Graduation (3:50)
3. Outsider, Outlier (3:59)
4. Shadow Woman (3:07)
5. Fairytale (3:11)
6. No Way Out (5:11)
7. Weary Woman (5:21)
8. I'll Ask Anyway (4:04)
9. Disappearing Act (3:03)
10. Jessie's Lullaby (3:40)

All songs written by Hannah Marks (ASCAP)

Hannah Marks - electric/double bass, background vocals // Sarah Rossy - lead vocals // Nathan Reising - alto sax // Lee Meadvin - guitar // Lex Korten - piano // Connor Parks - drums

Produced by Lee Meadvin and Caroline Davis. Mixed and Mastered by Lee Meadvin. Engineered by Todd Carder at Bunker Studios, Brooklyn NY on September 9, 2022.

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