**LORDE RETURNS WITH “SOLAR POWER”**

**ANNOUNCES *SOLAR POWER* ALBUM TO RELEASE AUGUST 20TH**

**2022 WORLD TOUR TO GO ON-SALE STARTING JUNE 25TH**

***FIRST NEW MUSIC IN FOUR YEARS DEBUTS TO CRITICAL & FAN ACCLAIM***

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***OVER 30 MILLION STREAMS IN FIRST 5 DAYS***

In a surprise move, GRAMMY® and BRIT Award-winning multi platinum artist **LORDE** released new song “**Solar Power**.” The song, which appropriately dropped timed to the only solar eclipse of the year, came alongside the announcement of her highly anticipated third studio album of the same name, ***Solar Power***.

Today the artist additionally revealed the album release date as August 20th and announced her 2022 World tour dates. The 40+ show tour begins in her homeland of New Zealand in February 2022 and takes in dates in Australia and North America before arriving in the UK for six shows beginning on May 25 and culminating in two dates at the Roundhouse, London, on June 1 and 2; shows across Europe follow.

Tickets go on-sale to the general public starting Friday, June 25, 2021 at 10am local. Fans can sign up for Lorde’s email list for first access to pre-sale tickets and for more info on tour dates [**HERE**](https://www.lorde.co.nz/).

**Pre-Order / Pre-Save / Pre-Add *Solar Power*** [**HERE**](https://lorde.lnk.to/SPAlbum)

**Listen to “Solar Power”** [**HERE**](https://lorde.lnk.to/SolarPower)

“Solar Power” debuted to fan and critical acclaim, with ***Billboard*** stating, “Solar Power” is a fresh chapter in a riveting book, and Lorde fans should be thrilled to meet this new author.” ***The Guardian*** called the song, “… a distinct reinvention, one that gleefully puts a gap between Lorde and everyone else in terms of her creativity” while noting, “Lorde’s comeback single is a lesson in letting pop stars take their time.” Since its debut last week, the song has garnered five star reviews from places like ***NME, the Independent*** and ***Pitchfork***, has trended #1 worldwide across social media, raked in over 30 million streams in its first five days, and was **#1 on Spotify’s Global and US Song Debut**.  The song is the first single from Lorde’s forthcoming third studio album which will be released via Universal Music New Zealand on August 20th. The album includes 12 tracks and is produced by Jack Antonoff who she collaborated with on her chart-topping last album, ***Melodrama***.

Of the album Lorde says, “The album is a celebration of the natural world, an attempt at immortalizing the deep, transcendent feelings I have when I’m outdoors. In times of heartache, grief, deep love, or confusion, I look to the natural world for answers. I’ve learned to breathe out, and tune in. This is what came through.”

Of the single she adds, “The first song, also called [Solar Power](https://www.lorde.co.nz/) and written and produced by myself and Jack, is the first of the rays. It’s about that infectious, flirtatious summer energy that takes hold of us all, come June…”

To honour the natural world the artist is presenting the album in a first-of-its kind, discless format. An eco-conscious Music Box will be available for purchase as an alternative to a CD. This innovative offering will contain extra visual content, handwritten notes, exclusive photos, and a download card. The card will give purchasers a high-quality download of the music, two exclusive bonus tracks, and access to some special surprises along the way.

When talking about the concept Lorde says, “I decided early on in the process of making this album that I also wanted to create an environmentally kind, forward-thinking alternative to the CD. I wanted this Music Box product to be similar in size, shape and price to a CD, to live alongside it in a retail environment, but be something which stands apart and that’s committed to the evolving nature of a modern album.”

***Solar Power* Tracklist:**

1. The Path

2. Solar Power

3. California

4. Stoned in the Nail Salon

5. Fallen Fruit

6. Secrets From a Girl (Who's Seen It All)

7. The Man with An Axe

8. Dominoes

9. Big Star

10. Leader of a New Regime

11. Mood Ring

12. Oceanic Feeling

**LORDE UK TOUR DATES:**

May 25 Leeds, UK O2 Academy

May 26 Edinburgh, UK Usher Hall

May 28 Manchester, UK O2 Victoria Warehouse

May 30 Birmingham, UK O2 Academy

June 1 London, UK Roundhouse

June 2 London, UK Roundhouse

**ABOUT LORDE**

In 2013, a 16-year-old LORDE quietly, yet confidently asserted herself as the voice of a generation with her full-length debut, *Pure Heroine*. The album would go triple-platinum, win two GRAMMY® Awards, and spawn the seven-times platinum record-breaking international juggernaut single, “Royals,” and quadruple-platinum follow up “Team.” The former reached #1 on the UK Official Charts and cemented LORDE as “the youngest solo artist and the only New Zealander to achieve #1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 since 1987.” *Time* exalted her amongst the “Most Influential Teenagers in the World,” she landed on *Forbes*’s “30 Under 30” List, graced the cover of *Rolling Stone* and performed alongside Nirvana during the 2014 *Rock and Roll Hall of Fame* Induction Ceremony. She also curated the official soundtrack for *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1* and recorded “Yellow Flicker Beat” as the lead single.

In 2017 LORDE released her second full-length studio album, *Melodrama* which debuted at #1 on the Billboard 200 Chart, making her the first ever NZ artist to land a #1 debut album in the United States. The album reached #1 in over 45 countries and earned LORDE a nomination for Album of the Year at the 2018 GRAMMY® Awards. She won the BRIT Award for International Female Solo Artist in both 2014 and 2018.

LORDE makes her highly anticipated return with critically acclaimed new single, “Solar Power,” from her third full-length studio album, ***Solar Power***, due out August 20th. LORDE currently has over 12 million albums sold worldwide and over 10 billion streams worldwide.

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