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*"One of the best new bands in the world is called cleopatr<sup>ick</sup>."*  
– **George Stroumboulopoulos**

*"Boldly leading the charge to bring some scuzz back to the Canadian rock scene...definitely rocks with a lot more menace than what's been coming off the assembly line of White Stripes/Black Keys wannabes lately" - FYI NEWS*

*“The Canadian pair deliver a solid offering of fuzzed-out garage rock on their first outing, and while much of your appreciation of BUMMER may derive from a prior affinity for stripped-down drums-and-guitar rock generally, their deft weaving of hip-hop elements into their sound is an interesting twist that sets the album apart from the usual two-person riff-fests.” – **Exclaim!***

*“Crafting an intriguing labyrinth of lyrical Easter eggs and mouth-full-of-marbles drawl. We’ll be watching them, if they’re not watching us first...” - **The Guardian***

*“A fuzzy and face-melting noise straight out of Cobourg, Canada” – **Kerrang!***  
*“Scuzzy, heavy and beautifully punishing...the sort of vigour and angst of a duo with something to prove” - **Rock Sound***

*"cleopatricks are serving up a fuzzed-out jam that reminds us all of the power of live music" - **Loudwire***

(June 4, 2021 – Toronto, ON) Today, Canadian heavy alt-rock duo **cleopatricks** release their highly anticipated debut album, **BUMMER** via the band’s own label **Nowhere Special Recordings**, distributed by **Thirty Tigers**. Listen to the album [HERE](#). Alongside the album release, the Cobourg, ON-based two-piece have unveiled the video for their latest single [“VICTORIA PARK”](#).

Vocalist and guitarist Luke Gruntz had this to say about the track, *“From the moment we wrote VICTORIA PARK we knew it would be the opening track on BUMMER. It’s the sonic mission statement for our debut album. It’s our thesis. Our first impression. It’s named after a real Victoria Park here in Cobourg, Ontario Canada. A place where Ian and I have both spent countless summer days and nights throughout our lives. It’s a green space that was named after Queen Victoria in an effort to impress the crown, during a time where this town was so young and prosperous that they truly believed they could be chosen as the capital of Canada.*

Gruntz continues, *“Standing here today in what is now a sleepy rural retirement community, I feel a strange sense of tragedy lingering around this park. In my eyes, it is a monument to a long-lost ambition, and for that reason, it inspires me.”*

Directed by [Boy Wonder](#) and shot in Cobourg on a *SnorriCam* rig, the video for the track is meant to capture the chaotic, monotonous, and explosive energy of the song, while personifying the concepts of isolation, uncertainty, and inner conflict through its protagonist - played by the band’s dear friend **James Edward Campbell** (*Degrassi*).

**WATCH + SHARE THE VIDEO FOR “VICTORIA PARK” [HERE](#)**

In celebration of their debut full-length, cleopatricks announced a number of Canadian tour dates for October and December. Kicking off at the Commonwealth on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Calgary, AB, the 7-date tour, which also includes shows in Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Montreal, and Ottawa, will wrap up in Toronto with a show at the Danforth

Music Hall on December 11<sup>th</sup>. A complete list of dates is below. Tickets for the tour are now available to purchase [HERE](#).

*“These dates have been a long time coming,” shares Gruntz. “We can't wait to finally visit all these cities that we haven't been able to check off this list until now. See you soon, Canada!”*

Written, recorded and produced by cleopatrack and their close friend **Jig Dubé** of Ottawa punk band **Zig Mentality**, *BUMMER* sees the band harnessing all the magic they've been brewing over their two-decade friendship and funneling it into a record that aims to re-invigorate the rock landscape from the ground up. Featuring the brash, groove-heavy, distortion-rich single “[THE DRAKE](#)”, (which landed the talented duo on **Spotify's** marquee *New Music Friday* Billboard at Yonge and Dundas Square in Toronto), the bold, swagger-filled fan favourite single “FAMILY VAN” ([video game](#), [PowerPoint Presentation](#), [official video](#)), the riff-heavy lead single “[GOOD GRIEF](#)” and the haunting and heartfelt standout ballad “[2008](#)”, *BUMMER* is an album made to mean something.

*“Making BUMMER, we actively spoke about it as if it would be the only chance we ever had to make an album,” shares Gruntz. “With this in the back of our minds, every note we played and every line I penned carried a tremendous weight. BUMMER is meant to capture what could be our “famous last words.”*

At its heart, *BUMMER* is an album about two friends, who've been with each other since the formative first steps that adorn *BUMMER's* heartwarming cover images (two pictures taken by the pair's kindergarten teacher from when Luke and Ian accidentally showed up to school in matching sweaters) and made something that's a testament to the power of sticking to your guns.

*“To look back and reflect on the people we were at the start of all this when it was a pipedream and still feel like the same people, that feels cool. Although there's a lot that's changed, it still feels like the same vision,” Ian smiles. “We've been comparing the album to the Voyager One probe - it has everything about us in it and we don't know if people will get it or if people will care, but it feels so good to have it out there,” Luke nods. “It feels like a small way to live forever.”*

#### *BUMMER* Track Listing;

01. VICTORIA PARK
02. THE DRAKE
03. FAMILY VAN
04. GOOD GRIEF
05. NO SWEAT
06. WHY JULY
07. YA
08. PEPPER'S GHOST
09. 2008
10. GREAT LAKES

### Upcoming Canadian Tour Dates:

10.14.21 – Calgary, AB @ Commonwealth  
10.15.21 – Edmonton, AB @ Starlite  
10.16.21 – Saskatoon, SK @ Amigos  
10.18.21 – Winnipeg, MB @ The Park Theatre  
12.03.21 – Montreal, QC @ Le Ministère  
12.04.21 – Ottawa, ON @ Brass Monkey  
12.11.21 – Toronto, ON @ Danforth Music Hall

*\*all shows with Zig Mentality and Ready The Prince*

### About cleopatrck

Best friends since the age of 4, **Luke Gruntz** and **Ian Fraser** are cleopatrck. And while they are from (and still based) in the tiny town of Cobourg, Ontario, their sound is anything but small. The core of their mission: to restore the outspoken provocation of rock & roll through raw, abrasive honesty. Along with two other like-minded-artists (**Zig Mentality** and **Ready The Prince**) cleopatrck formed the loose DIY collective “[New Rock Mafia](#)”. Together the artist and fan collective provide location-based info, curated content and organize secret events / shows within the community, all for members only. It has been instrumental in helping the band get the word out while keeping a familial feel and a safe space for fans.

At just 23 years old, cleopatrck have proved themselves to be a genuine underground global sensation. Since releasing their sophomore EP, *the boys* across five singles in 2018, cleopatrck have amassed over 77 million Spotify streams, have been featured on the front cover of **Spotify’s** massive “*Rock This*”, performed at a wide range of festivals including **Lollapalooza**, **Austin City Limits**, **Riot Fest** and **Shaky Knees**, and recorded a live session at **BBC’s** legendary Maida Vale Studio 4. Their first international headline tour in late 2018 consisted of 38 dates across UK, Germany, France and USA, and was followed up with a completely sold out 10-date return to Europe in March 2019. Since then, the band has performed multiple headline tours across UK, France, Germany, Benelux, & LATAM included a notable support slot for **Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes** on their EU headline tour.

The band has been championed by the likes of **FLOOD Magazine**, **NPR New Music**, **Brooklyn Vegan**, **The Independent**, **Kerrang**, **Guitar World**, and **Exclaim!** to name a few. Major accolades continue to pour in from personalities including **Jack Saunders** (**BBC Radio One**), **George Stroumboulopoulos**, and **Allison Hagendorf** (Head of Rock, **Spotify**) as the band gears up to release their debut record.

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