JUNO-NOMINATED TORONTO ALT-ROCK DUO
CLEOPATRICK

RETURN WITH POWERFUL NEW SINGLE
“HAMMER”

FIRST TASTE OF SOPHOMORE LP SLATED FOR 2025

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Toronto, ON (November 1, 2024) - Today, ground-breaking, JUNO Award-nominated and SOCAN Award-winning Toronto duo **cleopatrick** return with new single, **“HAMMER”**, offering the first glimpse into their highly anticipated sophomore album, slated for release in **2025**.

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“HAMMER” sees the immensely talented duo, consisting of Toronto-based **Luke Gruntz** and **Ian Fraser**, embark on an unprecedented musical path. Working with producer **Philip Weinrobe** (Adrianne Lenker/Hand Habits/Tomberlin) at his Brooklyn studio, these sessions mark the first time the band has expanded their existing creative bubble, driving growth in their sonic palette and songwriting.

Speaking on the track, **Luke Gruntz** shares, “*this song is about getting pummelled by the big guy. Like really just completely flattened out. it’s about the act of not only accepting your beat down, but actually welcoming it. Waving to the cosmic hammer as it comes down on the top of your head. Guiding its aim for the sake of politeness and efficiency, of course. Facilitating the expeditious destruction of your sovereign impulse, so that the powers above may move forward with whatever the next phase of their very important plan might be with greater speed. It’s not really up to you to understand much more than that — you actually shouldn’t ask those kinds of questions: just take it!*”

Coming off a relentless touring schedule following ***BUMMER*** and ***DOOM***, Gruntz and Fraser took some much-needed time off, to recuperate both physically and mentally. Taking a step back allowed them the opportunity to not only move forward, but be able to take that step forward with the time and space to jam and explore in their rehearsal space, writing and demoing dozens of tracks before connecting with Weinrobe in Brooklyn.

“*Ian and I were lucky to be able to take a long break where we lived some life and worked on this new music*,” Gruntz adds. "*During that time I was slowly able to forget that anyone was watching, and began to write stuff that existed outside of the caricature I had built in my head - whoever I thought I was, or whatever I thought this band was supposed to be. Because of that this new record is one of the clearest steps forward we’ve taken so far as artists. We’re already immensely proud of it and can’t wait to share more of the music*."

Newly energized, cleopatrick are ready to head back out not only sharing what they have been up to in the studio, but also re-interpreting the music fans have come to love over the past few years.

Upcoming Live Dates:
11/06 – Los Angeles, CA @ Echoplex [SOLD OU]
11/08 – Denver, OC @ Meow Wolf [SOLD OUT]
11/09 – Chicago, IL @ Subterranean [SOLD OUT]
11/12 – New York, NY @ Brooklyn Made
11/19 – London, UK @ Oslo Hackney [SOLD OUT]

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About cleopatrick

Since their inception, cleopatrick, made up of Cobourg, ON natives Luke Gruntz and Ian Fraser, have proved themselves to be one of the most in-demand rising rock bands on the planet. They were the sole band featured in Amazon Music UK's Ones To Watch 2021 and have amassed over 100 million streams, alongside a string of sold-out tours across Canada, the US, UK, and EU. Their electrifying performances at renowned festivals and their direct support role for **Royal Blood** in Canada and the US solidify their place in the rock pantheon.

Their explosive debut album, *BUMMER* (2021), not only earned a JUNO nomination for 'Breakthrough Group of the Year' but also set the tone for their meteoric rise in the music scene. Praised by Exclaim! as "a solid high-energy debut," the album features standout tracks like the raw, distortion-heavy anthem THE DRAKE" (which landed the talented duo on Spotify's marquee *New Music Friday* Billboard at Yonge and Dundas Square in Toronto), crowd favourite "FAMILY VAN," (video game, PowerPoint Presentation, official video), the riff-packed ""GOOD GRIEF" and the hauntingly beautiful" 2008".

In 2022, cleopatrick soared to new heights, winning a SOCAN Award in the Rock category for their Top 5 Canadian and U.S radio hit and breakout single, "hometown." They complemented their success with the release of their *DOOM* EP which featured five gritty, fuzz-filled tracks, including the clever and catchy "OK" (WATCH | LISTEN) and the emotionally charged "SCARING ME." (WATCH | LISTEN)

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