

Prog Ensemble District 97 Announce New Album Stay For The Ending and Launch The Opening of Pre-orders

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[/EINPresswire.com/](https://EINPresswire.com/) -- Spirit of Unicorn Music are delighted to announce a brand new album from District 97, *Stay For The Ending*, pre-orders for which have opened today.

Featuring 10 brand new tracks, the album is the culmination of everything this Chicago-based prog rock ensemble has worked towards during their last 15 years. Formed in Autumn 2006, the band draws influences from a diverse array of musical styles, from heavy metal to avant-garde jazz. This broad appreciation of musical genres has continued to inform the band's latest work and sees them further develop their sound and songwriting to ambitious new levels: upping their game in the areas of composition, performance, arrangement, production and sonics.



District 97 - Stay For The Ending

Stay For The Ending traverses a vast array of themes with songs exploring the human condition: unity, division, deceit, obsession, detachment, resilience and transcendence. Drummer and Percussionist JONATHAN SCHANG said, "After 15 years of leading District 97, I'm thrilled that we continue to push ourselves to new heights in every realm of our music making. This is the strongest collection of songs we've ever assembled."

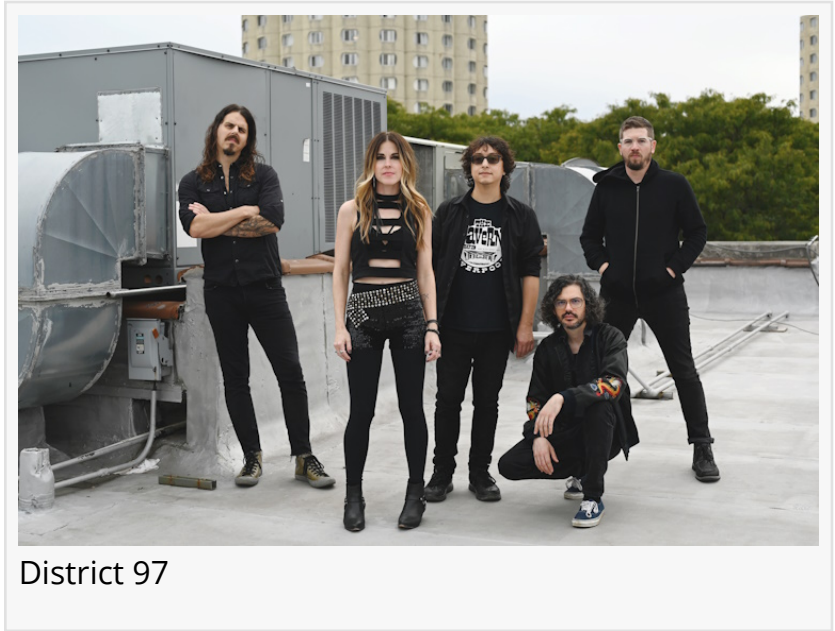
The album has been recorded, mixed and mastered by NOAM WALLENBERG (ALAN PARSONS, MAC MILLER). Lead vocalist LESLIE HUNT (AMERICAN IDOL FEMALE VOCAL FINALIST 2007) commented, "This record represents us at our most collaborative and dynamic. We tried some new things and chased different aesthetics than we have in the past and I think the result is our

best sounding album to date with some of our strongest compositions.”

Friend of the band, BILL BRUFORD (KING CRIMSON, YES, GONG, BRUFORD) agrees. In response to hearing the new album, he said, “Quality, expertise and passion - 'Stay For The Ending' is a massive piece, of which District '97 should feel justly proud.”

The Autumn sees the band undertake a number of live shows in the US and Europe, including playing The Bedford

in Balham, South London on Sunday 10th September. SCHANG continues “I can't wait for the music world at large to hear it both on record and on stage.”



District 97

The album can be pre-ordered from Cherry Red Records here:

<https://www.cherryred.co.uk/product/district-97-stay-for-the-ending-cd/>

DISTRICT 97 ARE:

Vocals: Leslie Hunt

Keyboards: Andrew Lawrence

Guitars, Vocals: Jim Tashjian

Bass Guitar: Tim Seisser

Drums & Percussion: Jonathan Schang

TRACK LISTING

Stay For The Ending

Mirror

Many New Things

Crossover

Divided We Fall

Life Cycle

X

X-Faded

Deck Is Stacked

The Watcher

TOUR DATES

18th August - Martyrs', Chicago, Illinois, USA

2nd September - 2 Days + 1 Festival, Veruno, Italy

7th September - Das Rind, Russelsheim, Germany

8th/9th September - Steve Rothery Band Weekend, Poppodium Boerderij, Zoetemeer, Netherlands

10th September - A Sunday in September, The Bedford, London

For more information:

<http://www.district97.net/>

<http://district97.bandcamp.com/> (Exclusive Music Available for Download)

<https://www.facebook.com/District97>

<https://www.instagram.com/district.97/>

<http://twitter.com/District97>

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