**HERCULES & LOVE AFFAIR RELEASE “FOOLS WEAR CROWNS” OFF FORTHCOMING ALBUM *OMNION*!**

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*“a quiet, slow song, as many of the best Hercules tracks are”* ***– Pitchfork***



*“Allow me to raise my hand and admit what a fool I am” - Andy Butler*

Fresh off the release of the latest single “Omnion” (currently receiving airplay on BBC Radio), **Hercules & Love Affair** reveal another song from the forthcoming album *Omnion* with “Fools Wear Crowns” – premiered today via [Pitchfork](http://pitchfork.com/thepitch/hercules-and-love-affairs-andy-butler-on-succumbing-to-overcoming-addiction/).

“Fools Wears Crowns” is, says Hercules’ **Andy Butler**, “insanely personal” and as such, **Hercules & Love Affair** vocalists **Rouge** and **Gustaph** wisely concluded it “made no sense in anyone singing it other than me.” The song is indicative of *Omnion* as a whole – an album that reflects a dramatic shift in **Butler**’s lifestyle as he celebrates four years sober after years of serious drug addiction.

“It’s literally an apology, an attempt at amends. A few years back I was in the grip of a brutal drug addiction that saw me overdosed in hospital every weekend. I was really decimated. My family said they couldn’t be around me anymore unless I spent a long haul in rehab, but at the height of my addiction I went to Europe and didn’t talk to them for over a year. My mother and my sister were in tears the moment I played them that song.”

Helping **Butler** interpret *Omnion*’s message of faith and tolerance are a world class act of singers including **The Horrors**’ **Faris Badwan** on “Controller,” New York singer-songwriter **Sharon Van Etten** on title track “Omnion,” and Icelandic sister act **Sísý Ey**.

*Omnion* also features upbeat disco stomper “Rejoice,” with regular collaborator **Rouge Mary**. **Rouge Mary** also joins **Hamed Sinno** of Lebanese indie-rock outfit **Mashrou’ Leila** on “Are You Certain?” exchanging verses in Arabic.

Born in Denver and cutting his teeth as a teenage DJ, **Butler** escaped to New York and invented **Hercules & Love Affair** as an outlet for his songs. From the retro-futurist Paradise Garage grooves of Hercules & Love Affair’s eponymous 2008 debut – with longtime friend **ANOHNI** on the classic, “Blind” – via the thoughtful elegiac songwriting of 2011’s *Blue Songs*, to the bumping, grittier pulse of 2014’s *The Feast of the Broken Heart*, Butler has nailed a body of work that bridges the dance floor and home listening.

*Omnion* moves his game up a notch and reflects his current “hypersensitivity” to all that is going on. “Sometimes the dance floor represents a decision to avoid dialogue with the wider world, to commune with people but not really talk,” **Butler** explains. “But humans need to challenge themselves and step it up. Not that everything has to be so serious but this **Hercules** record is.”

Following festival appearances this summer, **Hercules & Love** **Affair** bring their visually spectacular stage show – “A Feast for the Eyes” Creative Review – to venues across Europe this fall. Tickets are available now [HERE](http://gigst.rs/Herc).

**Summer shows:**

AUGUST:

11th - Houghton Festival, Kings Lynn (UK)

13th - Boomtown Festival, Winchester [UK] (Andy Butler DJ set)

25th - Rock en Seine, Paris (France)

27th - Stephenson Works, Newcastle (UK)

SEPTEMBER:

1st - Into the Great Wide Open, Vlieland (Netherlands)

9th - Festival No. 6, Portmeirion (Wales)

16th - Kutxa Kultur Festival, San Sebastian (Spain)

OCTOBER:

19th - ADE at Paradiso, Amsterdam (Netherlands)

***Omnion* European Tour:**

NOVEMBER:

10th - Metropop Festival, Lausanne, Switzerland

15th - Sala But, MADRID, Spain

16th - Sala Apolo, Barcelona, Spain

17th - Lux Fragil, Lisbon, Portugal

25th - Smolna, Warsaw, Poland

30th - Kesslehaus, Berlin, Germany

DECEMBER:

1st - Trix, Antwerp, Belgium

6th - Santeria, Milan, Italy

7th - Locomotiv, Bologna, Italy

8th - Shepherds Bush Empire, London

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