

PREVIEW

Here are 20 albums we can't wait to hear in April



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March was a great month for music, delivering some of 2019's greatest highlights so far, and April looks to follow suit. Finally, the gorgeous new Weyes Blood album will see the light of day, as well as promising new LPs from Inter Arma, Mountain Goats, and Aldous Harding. In pop, Marina returns, Diamond-free, with a sprawling double LP, while D.C. punks Priests make their own left turn toward the genre. In hip-hop and R&B, we're looking forward to J. Cole's third *Revenge Of The Dreamers* compilation and Lizzo's overdue breakout, plus new projects from rappers Rico Nasty and Bbymutha. Here are 21 records we look forward to hearing this month.

Shovels & Rope, *By Blood*



Even in the long lineage of married musical duos, Cary Ann Hearst and Michael Trent share a rare chemistry, writing alt-country songs with grit and gut-wrenching harmonies. *By Blood* will be their seventh album in 11 years as Shovels & Rope, and the record, self-produced at the pair's home studio, finds them in top form, seamlessly merging traditional and pop elements. Most importantly, their raw live energy is completely in tact, as heard in rousing single "Mississippi Nuthin." [Kelsey J. Waite]