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**EXPERIMENTAL CANADIAN ARTIST MAPPE OF RETURNS
WITH THE EPIC *THE ISLE OF AILYNN*, OUT TODAY**

ETHEREAL NEW SINGLE “VOLCAE” RELEASED [LISTEN HERE](#)

"Tom Meikle's Mappe Of project continues to be a vessel for musical nuance and experiential depth." - Atwood Magazine

"The Isle of Ailynn' deserves many listens — both to savour its sounds, and ponder its truths." 8/10 - Exclaim!

Nashville, TN – *The Isle Of Ailynn*, the transcendent sophomore album from eclectic Canadian artist Mappe Of comes out today on Paper Bag Records, along with the dark and beautiful new single “Volcae”, (pronounced vole-kai). [LISTEN HERE](#)

“Volcae’ is the dark crux of the record, set in a village under the black mountains of the Isle,” says Tom Meikle (aka Mappe Of). “Amidst a fog of overarching tension, as the powers that be use the village as a scapegoat for their wrongdoing, lies a story about a father's suffering. After the loss of his wife to mental health issues and raising a daughter into terrifying circumstances beyond her control, he finds himself questioning nature at its core.”

The Isle Of Ailynn is a mesmerizing conceptual effort built around multiple environments within a fictional world. Mappe Of offers an immersive musical experience filled with gorgeous melodies and lush arrangements that draw from classical, electronic, progressive and indie-rock influences. *The Isle Of Ailynn* features narratives that parallel everyday issues and challenges we endure as human beings. While the characters and storylines are of a fictitious nature, in the end the common ground is humanity that ties us all together. Read about Meikle’s motivation and vision for this tour de force in this personal essay [HERE](#).

Mappe Of’s only US appearance in 2019 will take place on November 19th in New York City as part of Standard Sounds’ Annie O Music Series – which is curated by music industry tastemaker Annie Ohayon at the Standard, East Village in New York City. For more information and to RSVP click [HERE](#).

The Isle Of Ailynn expands on the sonic explorations of Mappe Of's 2017 acclaimed debut *A Northern Star, A Perfect Stone*. The album was well-received by the press including *Stereogum*, *Consequence of Sound*, *Paste*, *NPR Music*, *Associated Press* and more. ([View Press Highlights](#)).

"...calls to mind the elegiac, near-heartbreak delicacy of acts like Bon Iver, Iron & Wine, and the now-defunct Australian outfit The Middle East." – **Consequence of Sound**

"Beautiful, finger-picked acoustic guitar and angelic vocals blend into an ethereal, transfixing trip." – **NPR Music**

"The spells cast here reward repeat listening – this is grow-on-you music...this promising young artist surely has more intriguing explorations up his sleeve."
– **Associated Press**

"This is special." – **CBC**

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