

## 54 Most Anticipated Albums of 2021

Drake, Foo Fighters, Lorde, Cardi B, and Roddy Ricch are among the artists we're looking forward to hearing new music from this year

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### Hiss Golden Messenger



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Details are scarce on M.C. Taylor's next record, but the prolific North Carolina singer-songwriter — who records and performs as Hiss Golden Messenger — has been on a remarkable streak lately, releasing career-topping works like 2017's *Hallelujah Anyhow* and 2019's Grammy-nominated *Terms of Surrender* every other year. "The world is full of love songs, pretty cheap love songs, and I think Mike's songs are about something that is much more difficult to pin down," Hiss bandmate and collaborator Phil Cook [said in 2019](#). "He's not shy about saying: 'I don't know the fucking answer to any of this shit.'" Expect more profound, unanswered questions from Taylor in 2021, as evidenced by the moving, mournful country-soul lead single, "Sanctuary": "Feeling bad, feeling blue/Can't get out of my own mind," Taylor sings. "But I know how to sing about it."