



## THE MOUNTAIN GOATS

4AD and The Mountain Goats are excited to announce the next Mountain Goats album...Heretic Pride, set for release on February 19th.

Heretic Pride contains 13 songs, and they were written in a wide variety of places including Fairbanks, Stockholm, Seattle, San Francisco, and Durham, North Carolina. In addition to being geographically all over the map, the songs themselves are about many different things. A pulp spy novel writer, an imaginary cult, breakup sex, a lake monster, Prince Far I, slasher films, and many more characters and stories from the creative brain of John Darnielle.

On Heretic Pride, John is supported by many of his frequent collaborators along with some new ones. Peter Hughes joins on bass, John Wurster plays drums, Franklin Bruno lends the piano playing, and Erik Friedlander plays the cello – very well I might add. St.Vincent's Annie Clark adds some guitar and backing vocals, Rachel Ware Zooi and Sarah Arslanian, members of the Bright Mountain Choir add lovely vocal harmonies. Rachel was actually the original bass player in the band!

The album was produced by Scott Solter and John Vanderslice, and they also contributed some additional percussion (Solter) and some synth (Vanderslice). The album was recorded by Solter along with Aaron Prellwitz at Prairie Sun and was also mixed by Solter.