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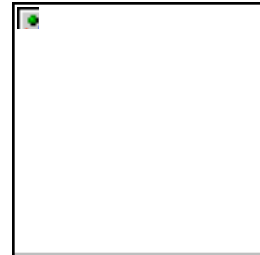
Xavier Rudd Gets Blue

NEW ALBUM FROM BELOVED AUSTRALIAN IMPORT ARRIVES IN AUGUST

Best-selling Australian singer-songwriter **Xavier Rudd** is set to release his seventh album, *Dark Shades of Blue*, on August 19. Confirmed appearances at the Jazz Aspen Snowmass and Bumbershoot festivals in August and the Austin City Limits festival in September will bookend a headlining tour that will find Rudd bringing his live performance to cities across the U.S.

Dark Shades of Blue is dusky and cool, more sober than any of his earlier work. Guitar-driven jams expand on a sound only hinted at on previous releases, and distortion often supplants the pretty jangly guitars he's known for. Mixed by Joe Barresi (Tool, Queens of the Stone Age), *Dark Shades of Blue* shows Rudd at his most assertive, heavy and psychedelic, and while Xav's signature didgeridoo remains, along with myriad other instruments and voices, the results are less 'world music' and something more universally global.

The past few years have been a whirlwind for Xavier. In between sold out tours in Europe, Australia and the US, both headlining and supporting the likes of the Dave Matthews Band, Jack Johnson and Ben Harper, he has been working on the film score for fellow-surfer and Rudd-enthusiast Matthew McConaughey's *Surfer Dude*, a film starring McConaughey, Woody Harrelson and Willie Nelson.



Track List:

01. Black Water
02. Dark Shades Of Blue
03. Secrets
04. Guku
05. Edge Of The Moon
06. This World As We Know It
07. Shiver
08. Uncle
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