

6 Great Albums Coming Out This Year

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In the first half of 2017, many amazing artists have announced their upcoming new releases. Here are some great albums to look for that are slated to come out some time this year.

1. After Laughter - Paramore

It's been over four years since Paramore released their self-titled album. Now back as a trio with the return of Zac Farro, Paramore has recently announced their fifth album, *After Laughter*. They released the first single and music video from the new record, "Hard Times." Interestingly, the downtrodden lyrics strongly contrast with the upbeat melody. From this song, it seems we can expect Paramore to continue their exit from their angsty, pop punk days.

Expected for release: May 12th

2. Hopeless Fountain Kingdom - Halsey

Halsey hasn't put out an album since mid 2015, when she released her debut, "Badlands." Now she's set to release her sophomore effort, "Hopeless Fountain Kingdom," with which it's clear she's once again creating a whole new world and experience for her fans. She has released the first single, "Now or Never," and recently released the tracklist by leaving some fans across the country newspapers on their porch.

Expected for release: June 2nd

3. Mania - Fall Out Boy

Fall Out Boy recently announced their return with "Mania" after nearly two and half years since "American Beauty / American Psycho." With the announcement, they released the first single and music video, "Young and Menace," which is even a further departure from their pop punk days. The song ventures into an electronic, dub step sound, which is new for the group.

Expected for release: September 15th

4. Harry Styles - Harry Styles

Since the split of One Direction in 2016, the members have each begun their solo debuts, including Louis Tomlinson and Niall Horan. Harry Styles just announced his highly anticipated, self-titled solo work with the release of his first single "Sign of the Times." He debuted "Ever Since New York," during his performance on SNL. His sound differs from his loud, pop, boy band days, and opts for a piano driven, softer rock.

Expected for release: May 12th

5. Something To Tell You - Haim

It's been four long years since the release of Haim's last album, "Days Are Gone," but the band has been busy writing, recording, and producing their follow up "Something To Tell You." Their newest song "Right Now" was recently released with a music video. From the song, it sounds like Haim is sticking with their familiar brand of rock.

Expected for release: July 7th

6. Melodrama - Lorde

Lorde has finally announced the release of her long-awaited sophomore project, "Melodrama." She has released two singles and a music video, "Green Light" and "Liability." The two songs have contrasting moods, but both are piano heavy, pop tunes. "Green Light" features huge, freeing choruses, while "Liability" delivers a slower and softer sound. If these two tracks are anything to go by, Lorde's next project will be just as strong as her last.

Expected for release: June 16th

Other releases: "Oh Wonder," Oh Wonder; "Lust For Life," Lana Del Rey; "Last Young Renegade," All Time Low; "Relaxer," Alt-J; "Gone Now," Bleachers; "Waiting On A Song," Dan Auerbach; "How Did We Get So Dark?" Royal Blood; "Turbo Grafx 16," Kanye West.