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AUSTRALIAN PLATINUM-SELLING HIP-HOP ARTIST ILLY ANNOUNCES EXTENSIVE CANADIAN TOUR; INCLUDES FIRST TIME APPEARANCES IN TORONTO, MONTREAL, AND CANMORE

**NEW ALBUM *TWO DEGREES* AVAILABLE NOW
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Praise for *Two Degrees*

“Consistently one of Australia’s smoothest emcees, Iilly’s fifth LP is packed with the signature slick, radio-friendly ... delivering a near-bulletproof blend of pop, EDM and hip-hop.” – ***Rolling Stone Australia*** ****

“Two Degrees deftly strikes a balance between party songs and sonic tales of life’s struggles. And sometimes they are both, Iilly achieving that Holy Grail of pop music where an upbeat melody disguises a darker lyric.” – ***Herald Sun***

(January 30, 2017 – Toronto, ON) Australian platinum-selling hip-hop powerhouse **ILLY** is excited to announce that he will be bringing his ***Two Degrees*** tour to Canada this March. The tour is in support of his fifth studio LP of the same name, which garnered the Melbourne MC his first **#1** album in Australia. Kicking off on the west coast in Vancouver, BC on **March 4**, the tour will feature performances in 10 Canadian cities, including first time appearances in Toronto, Montreal and Canmore. Tickets for the tour will go on-sale this **Wednesday, February 1** at **10 am local time** and will be available for purchase from illyal.com. All confirmed tour dates are listed below.

2016 proved to be an incredible year for Illy. Even before dropping his fifth studio LP *Two Degrees* worldwide in November, Illy had already amassed six ARIA (Australia's Grammy's/Juno's) Award nominations, including 'Best Male Artist' and 'Song of The Year' for his now triple platinum single "Papercuts". The infectious lead track, which features Sydney-based singer-songwriter **Vera Blue**, hit **#1** on the iTunes Australian charts and **#2** on the ARIA singles charts.

Following the release of "Papercuts", Illy dropped the second single off of *Two Degrees* titled "Catch 22". Featuring British songstress **Anne-Marie**, the track has already been **certified Gold** in Australia. With "Papercuts" being streamed over 17 million times and "Catch 22" being streamed over 5 million times on Spotify alone, in 2016, Illy became one of the **highest streaming** artists in Australia, with 1 million monthly listeners, racking up **over 20 million streams worldwide**.

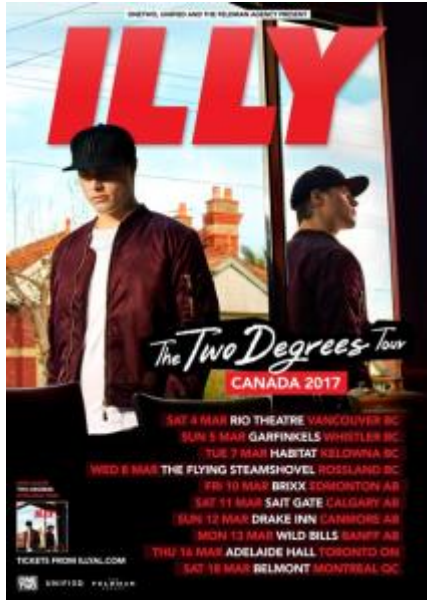
Watch + share the videos for lead single ["Papercuts"](#) and second single ["Catch 22"](#)

With a combination of playful musical innovation, undeniable hooks and whip-smart wordplay, Illy has made a habit out of defying expectation across his five studio releases. Since his debut in 2009, the captivating MC has notched up **7 consecutive triple j Hottest 100 entries, two double platinum singles, multiple gold records** and an **ARIA award** for 'Best Urban Release' in 2013. While all of this was happening, Illy somehow found the time to start his very **own record label, ONETWO**, on which his 2013 album, *Cinematic*, and his latest record *Two Degrees* was released.

Produced by Grammy-Award winning producer **M-Phazes** (Eminem, Kimbra), of *Two Degrees*, Illy says:

"President Obama was asked whether he viewed his presidency as a success, having faced such fierce opposition throughout his two terms. His answer likened society to a ship, where you can't steer 50 degrees at once, but if you move two degrees, then another two degrees, and continue like this, years later you end up in a very different place from where you began. And as long as you're steering in the right direction, and progressing, your impact is made over time. This album is a celebration of moving forward, two degrees at a time. I hope you enjoy it"

After years of touring extensively throughout regional and metro Australia, including recently selling out all of his album release shows within days, Illy has honed a solid live show reputation with numerous sold-out headline tours, and appearances at major festivals including **Splendour in the Grass, Groovin The Moo, Festival of the Sun** and a standout performance at **triple j's One Night Stand** in 2014.



***JUST ANNOUNCED – CANADIAN TOUR DATES**

- 03.04.17 – Vancouver, BC @ Rio Theatre
- 03.05.17 – Whistler, BC @ Garfinkels
- 03.07.17 – Kelowna, BC @ The Habitat
- 03.08.17 – Rossland, BC @ The Flying Steamshovel
- 03.10.17 – Edmonton, AB @ Brixx
- 03.11.17 – Calgary, AB @ SAIT Gate
- 03.12.17 – Canmore, AB @ Drake Inn
- 03.13.17 – Banff, AB @ Wild Bills
- 03.16.17 – Toronto, ON @ Adelaide Hall
- 03.18.17 – Montreal, QC @ Belmont

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