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**SLATES ANNOUNCE NEW LP *SUMMERY*
AVAILABLE MAY 19 VIA NEW DAMAGE RECORDS IN CANADA**

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“Edmonton’s Slates are perhaps one of the hardest working punk outfits in Canada, seemingly always on the go, recording, taking care of their Jamz Club and touring. They’re indefatigable and that’s reflected in their unflinching, honest post-hardcore.” – BeatRoute Magazine

(March 31, 2017 – Toronto, ON) - Edmonton punk band **Slates** will release their latest LP ***Summery*** on **May 19, 2017** through **New Damage Records** in Canada. **New Noise Magazine** broke the news this morning and also premiered the video for *Summery*’s punchy first single “Sub-optimal”.

To watch + share the video for “Sub-optimal”, click [HERE](#)

“Sub-optimal” is now available to purchase via [iTunes](#) and stream on all [digital platforms](#). In addition to streaming the new single, fans can also pre-order the new album through [iTunes](#) and [New Damage Records](#).

Summery is the follow-up to Slates’ buzzworthy 2013 release *Taiga*. Determined to capture the raw intensity and authenticity of their previous release, the band chose to once again record to analog tape with noted engineer Steve Albini (Nirvana, The Stooges). Heading back into the studio with Albini, this time at Edmonton’s Homestead Records, allowed both parties to settle very comfortably into their roles, with both knowing what to expect from the other. This familiarity allowed more room for spontaneity and experimentation to guide the sessions.

The 11 new cuts on *Summery* see the band’s sound deepening, coloured by birth and death in the extended Slates family. “Our latest record was recorded in the aftermath of some pretty sudden and bleak shit,” comments lyricist and vocalist James Stewart. “It was time to find a light in the storm, and to head towards it. ‘I’m ready for

summer' is the lyric that defines this record. I want to sing about life lived, and the love of those close to me, especially when facing loss and grief.”

In support of their forthcoming LP, Slates has announced shows in Edmonton and Calgary. Additional tour dates will be announced in the coming weeks.



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Summery Track Listing:

01. Yellowknife
02. /
03. Sub-optimal
04. Coyotes II
05. //
06. Summery
07. New Day
08. Coyotes
09. ///
10. The Stranger
11. Orange Light

***Upcoming CDN Tour Dates**

- 05.26.17 – Calgary, AB @ Palomino
05.27.17 – Edmonton, AB @ Barber Ha (10011 82 Upstairs)

Formed in 2008, Slates is comprised of James Stewart (guitar/vocals), Lee Klippenstein (bass/vocals), Stefan Duret (guitar/vocals), and Dallas Thompson (drums). Described as one of Canada’s hardest working punk outfits, Slates have performed in barricaded squats during riots in Berlin, hugged koalas in Brisbane, and even played on a stage that Fidel Castro would harangue citizens on in Cuba. To date, the band has released three full-length albums, five 7” singles and has toured extensively across Canada, Europe, and the Caribbean, sharing stages with the likes of Mudhoney, Propagandhi, and The Flatliners.

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