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Track Listing:

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| 1. I Don't Want to Bother You | 7. Tomorrow Tomorrow |
| 2. When I Knew | 8. You'll Never Know Me |
| 3. I'll Never Be Happy Again | 9. I Am the Past |
| 4. Stare at the Sun | 10. She's a Mirror |
| 5. Echo or Encore | 11. Other Boys |
| 6. My Own World | 12. Singing Time |

MRG 447

Eleanor Friedberger

Personal Record



LP



CD

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vinyl is non-returnable

Box Lot: CD 30 / LP 25
Format: CD digipak / LP jacket + poster + download
File Under: Alternative
Export: World excluding North America, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan & Korea

At a time when most female singer-songwriters perform as alter egos, Eleanor Friedberger is simply, refreshingly herself. And that's just the way her fans like it. Having spent the last decade fronting the indie-rock institution The Fiery Furnaces (currently on hiatus) with her brother Matthew, in 2011 she emerged as a formidable solo artist with *Last Summer*, a thoughtfully crafted tale of memory and place couched in the organic pop of her '70s idols. Instantly, Friedberger established herself as a modern-day heir to the tradition of Donovan, Todd Rundgren, Ronnie Lane, and their ilk: warm, nuanced, timeless songs. No gimmicks necessary.

The title of Friedberger's sophomore album is *Personal Record*, and it is, in a sense. Personal, that is. But not personal in the way of, say, a coming-of-age record, or a diary about the past, which *Last Summer* was. Many of the songs seem to be about love, or love lost, but whether any of the experience is hers or someone else's, she isn't saying. "It's not as specific a narrative this time," she says. "There's a universality to it." So incisive are the lyrics, in fact, that Friedberger's bassist incorrectly assumed that two of the songs were about him. "I loved that," she says. "I want him to feel like the songs are about him. I want you to feel like the songs are about you."

KEY POINTS:

- **Marc Riley of BBC6 premiered the single "Stare at the Sun"**
- ***Personal Record* was produced by Eric Broucek and it's songs were co-written with musician / novelist Wesley Stance (aka John Wesley Harding)**
- **Vinyl includes poster insert and full album download**
- **Touring Europe fall 2013**