

Zola Jesus

Conatus



In the last three years Nika Roza Danilova has gone from being an outsider, experimental, teenage noise-maker to a fully-fledged, internationally-celebrated, electronic-pop musician. It was a huge accomplishment, and, despite her age (young), her origins (mid-western, desolate), her accelerated scholastic achievements (high school and college were each completed in three years) and her diminutive physical size (4'11", 90 lbs), she has triumphed. She has emerged as a figurehead—a self-produced, self-designed, self-taught independent woman.

Zola Jesus is not a singer, she is a musician. Zola Jesus is not a band, it is a solo project. That is not to say the people who have helped her along the way were not deeply important. Her irreplaceable live band (whose drummer Nick Johnson lends a hand on several tracks here) and her friend Brian Foote (who co-produced this album), in addition to the live string players who contribute here (Sean McCann, Ryan York), were all crucial in the process. Still, Nika is a woman who can command a room—any room—without needing a band, a stage, or even a microphone. Her voice is unmistakable; it cuts right to the core.

Conatus is a huge leap forward in production, instrumentation and song structure. The definition of the title says it all: the will to keep on, to move forward. From thumping ballads to electronic glitch, no sound goes unexplored on her new record. It is an icy exploration in refined chaos and controlled madness, an effort to break through capability and access a sonic world that crumbles as it shines.

TRACK LISTING:

- 1 Swords
- 2 Avalanche
- 3 Vessel
- 4 Hikikomori
- 5 Ixode
- 6 Seekir
- 7 In Your Nature
- 8 Lick the Palm of the Burning Handshake
- 9 Shivers
- 10 Skin
- 11 Collapse

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Last year's *Stridulum* and *Valusia* EPs were on New York Times, Pitchfork, NME, LA Times, and The Guardian's albums of the year lists.
- Zola Jesus has headlined several US festivals including Offline and Pitchfork Festival
- Print features in Spin, Vanity Fair, Elle, Dazed & Confused, Nylon, Vice and more
- First single "Vessel" is charting on radio in the US and UK
- Pre-order promotions including limited edition value-adds for retail

CATALOG #: SBR-062

ARTIST: Zola Jesus

TITLE: Conatus

GENRE: Alternative

RELEASE DATE: 10-4-2011

AVAILABLE FORMATS: LP, CD

TERRITORY RESTRICTIONS: Not exportable to EU and AU

VINYL IS NOT RETURNABLE

BOX LOT: LP: 45 / CD: 30

LP



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CD



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