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# U.S. Girls Member Kass Richards Readies Debut Solo Album 'The Language Shadow'

*Listen to the record's lead single "Atlantis"*



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**Kass Richards** ([https://exclaim.ca/artists/kass\\_richards](https://exclaim.ca/artists/kass_richards)) of the extended **U.S. Girls** ([https://exclaim.ca/artists/us\\_girls](https://exclaim.ca/artists/us_girls)) family has announced plans for her debut solo record, *The Language Shadow*. The Boston-based, Toronto-marooned singer-songwriter will release the 10-track album on December 4 through **Good Cry Records** (<https://goodcryrecords.com/>).

Today, she's shared a new single, as well as its Sara Ludy-directed music video. "Atlantis" — inspired by a quote from Temple Grandin — is a "rumination on the ultimate cost of technological distraction."

Richards elaborated further in a statement: "What 'Atlantis' is attempting to get at is the sacred humanity of the creative act, the importance of returning again and again to that meditative process, especially in a world of so much creative undoing."

*The Language Shadow* was recorded following sessions on the

**Polaris shortlisted**

([https://exclaim.ca/music/article/heres\\_the\\_polaris\\_music\\_prize\\_2020\\_short\\_list](https://exclaim.ca/music/article/heres_the_polaris_music_prize_2020_short_list)) *Heavy Light* ([https://exclaim.ca/music/article/u\\_s\\_girls-heavy\\_light](https://exclaim.ca/music/article/u_s_girls-heavy_light)).

Produced in part by **Basia Bulat**

([https://exclaim.ca/artists/basia\\_bulat](https://exclaim.ca/artists/basia_bulat)), the album features instrumentation by **Arcade Fire**

([https://exclaim.ca/artists/arcade\\_fire](https://exclaim.ca/artists/arcade_fire))'s **Tim Kingsbury**

([https://exclaim.ca/artists/tim\\_kingsbury](https://exclaim.ca/artists/tim_kingsbury)) and U.S. Girls' **Geordie Gordon**.

Watch Richards' new video for "Atlantis" below.

## Atlantis (Official Video)



*The Language Shadow:*

1. Full Fathom Five
2. Diving
3. Atlantis
4. Hmm
5. Strangers
6. You Go Astray
7. Daughter
8. Luna
9. Nature
10. Dancing to Death

**Pre-order *The Language Shadow***

**(<https://kassrichards.bandcamp.com/album/the-language-shadow>).**