

the romantidote.

putting the art in cathartic. the bastard love-child of bon iver, byron and, bizarrely, the bee gees, the romantidote is a musical odyssey into the melancholic mind of a lonely man.

The musical alter ego of Scottish singer-songwriter Calum Bolland, the Romantidote emerged into Berlin's winter of 2018. A multi-faceted performer, the Romantidote at turns unearths the most intimate of personal anguish and brings guffaws with comedic works and routines. The beauty of the performance is in its unpredictability, with the audience riveted, or occasionally horrified, to see the direction in which the show will take. Having gigged alongside a number of established Berlin musicians, such as James Michael Rodgers and Freddie Dickson, the stage is set for the Romantidote to begin releasing recorded material this winter.



With influences including Bob Dylan, the Magnetic Fields and Flight of the Conchords, the Romantidote evades traditional genre trappings. This mix of styles works mainly due to the unmistakable imprint of Bolland's writing, an authentic and natural voice prone to irony and self-effacement. His songs engage with grand themes of today's debate: questions of moral agency, sexual liberation and the devastating decline of Morrissey on a human level. With a magnetic stage presence and sharp-tongued repartee with the crowd, the shows have been widely praised, and the Romantidote has developed an intensely loyal following.

Having performed exclusively live for a long time, the Romantidote's eye began to gradually turn towards posterity. Recruiting the invaluable insights of production genius Fabio Buemi, who has recorded musicians from Brockhampton to Billie Eilish, they delved into the studio in winter 2019. The result of these sessions were an original Christmas single, to be released 30th November, and a follow-up scheduled for early next year. These will bookend a musical journey of self-discovery in Mexico, due to be released as the "Gringo Perdido" E.P. in due course.

- Milo Tuck, Press Agent

The Romantidote is now booking for kids' birthday parties and bar mitzvahs.

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