



The Emo Diaries, Chapter 13

In a full-circle moment for one of independent music's most enduring labels, Deep Elm Records presents **The Emo Diaries, Chapter 13: Confessions of a Broken Man**. The release marks both the label's 30th anniversary and the continuation of the emo genre's most storied and influential compilation series.

Launched in 1997, The Emo Diaries helped define a generation of emotionally charged indie and post-hardcore music, giving early exposure to bands such as Jimmy Eat World, The Appleseed Cast, Benton Falls, Planes Mistaken for Stars, Cross My Heart and many more. From heartfelt ballads to cathartic anthems, each track reflects the wide-ranging creative voices shaping emo, highlighting the emotional depth and individuality that have made The Emo Diaries a defining series for independent artists worldwide. Over nearly three decades, the series has remained a cornerstone of unfiltered songwriting and a beacon for the DIY spirit that fueled the original underground scene.

Chapter 13 carries that tradition forward with 12 unreleased and exclusive, emotionally resonant tracks from artists around the world, handpicked by Deep Elm founder John Szuch. The label describes it as "a cathartic journey through the complexities of love, loss, release and redemption." While the sound of emo has evolved since Deep Elm's early days, the label's ethos remains unchanged: honesty over hype, feeling over perfection.

"Thirty years later, we're still doing what we've always done -- sharing the music that moves us and connecting listeners to passionate artists. *Chapter 13* reflects thirty years of that spirit. And while we never intended to define the genre, The Emo Diaries has shined a light on new voices from around the world who continue to push emo forward," says Szuch.

Across its thirteen chapters, the series has featured nearly 160 different bands. *Chapter 13* continues that legacy with an eclectic international lineup including **Be Safe** (Frostburg, MD), **Whitefox** (Bandung, Indonesia), **Viktoria4ever** (Boden, Sweden), **Anthony of Archer St.** (Huntington, CA), **Miles of Hope** (Göttingen, Germany), **Resignation** (Toledo, OH), **Sadstory on Sunday** (Purwokerto, Indonesia), **Everything in Waves** (Buffalo, NY), **Dayburn** (Upstate NY), **Gus Bjorn** (Ontario, Canada), **The Skies We Built** (Chicago, IL) and **Chasing Redemption** (Irvington, KY).

Chapter 13 stands not only as a celebration of Deep Elm's past but also as a testament to its continued relevance in the ever-evolving landscape of independent music.

This chapter of The Emo Diaries is dedicated in loving memory to Jim Coleman Howes (36, drummer for Resignation) and Olof Sköldmark (5). Rest in love.

"The most important compilation series for emotional / punk / hardcore music." - *Enough*

"In the history of the compilation, there has never been a better one than this." - *Fracture*

"The best compilation series on this planet. Period." - *Punk Rock Reviews*

