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## SKUNK ANANSIE ANNOUNCE NEW LIVE ALBUM 25LIVE@25 OUT JANUARY 25th 2019

To celebrate 25 years of unparalleled influence, the iconic Skunk Anansie have announced the release of a new live album, 25LIVE@25, showcasing their incomparable live presence over a career-spanning collection, to be released on 25th January 2019 via Republic Of Music.

Featuring recordings of the band's incendiary live sets over the years, and sequenced as one unique concert set by Jeremy Wheatley, a long-time collaborator with the band, 25LIVE@25 is both a celebration of Skunk's unmatched career and their importance as a musical and cultural force. Their exhilarating live shows are a hurricane of energy, noise and personality, an exhortation to become part of something much bigger that's impossible to resist.

Formed in 1994, the band exuded a strong sense of individuality from the start, shunning the Brit-pop mould of white 20-something men with guitars for a glorious mix of race, gender, sexuality, culture and music influences. Untethered by any scene allegiances, they powered ahead, forming their own wild sound and image: agile, gritty, politically-charged "clit rock"; a throw-away term coined by Skin.

"As a black female singer, it was hard to get accepted in many ways," says Skin. "And then I was onstage, doing exactly what I envisioned in my dreams. And I felt for the first time that I was accepted."

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"London in the 1990s was a mish-mash of people," adds guitarist Ace, "But bands weren't — it was always four blokes with identical haircuts. We were a band of people who were real. That's why we were radical."

Their notorious live presence earned them a record deal on just their second gig, and later on saw them become the first international multi-racial band to tour South Africa, where they played three sold-out arena shows. Their first Glastonbury slot came just over a year since formation, and only four years later the band were invited back to headline the festival.

Establishing themselves as one of the most unique rock bands of the past three decades, their career has seen them score numerous Top 40 singles and Top 10 albums, sell millions of albums around the world, share stages with David Bowie and U2, and sing

'Happy Birthday' to Nelson Mandela with Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone and Michael Jackson.

While scenes rise and fall, and sounds come and go, outsiders like Skunk Anansie have continued to enjoy a special kind of longevity, standing the test of time as a thrillingly singular act, enjoying a spectacular international career as trailblazing, multi-platinum-selling, award-winning Brit rockers.

Twenty-five years after they exploded from the backrooms of London, Skunk Anansie are more potent and more essential than they've ever been.

"Everything that is good that has come out of Skunk Anansie has come out of being a live band," says drummer Mark Richardson. "We've always thought that nobody could defeat us. 'Come on, try and beat us. You won't.'"

"We come alive onstage," agrees bassist Cass. "That's where we bare our teeth."

And 25LIVE@25 is a living, breathing, in-your-face document, proving that there is and always will be only one Skunk Anansie.

#### 25LIVE@25 TRACKLIST

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| 1. Charlie Big Potato                | 14. This Is Not A Game                  |
| 2. Intellectualise My Blackness      | 15. God Only Loves You                  |
| 3. Because Of You                    | 16. (Can't Get By) Without You          |
| 4. I Can Dream                       | 17. Secretly                            |
| 5. Charity                           | 18. Over The Love                       |
| 6. My Love Will Fall                 | 19. Spit You Out                        |
| 7. Death To The Lovers               | 20. Yes It's Fucking Political          |
| 8. Twisted                           | 21. Selling Jesus                       |
| 9. My Ugly Boy                       | 22. Little Baby Swastikkka              |
| 10. Weak                             | 23. Tear The Place Up                   |
| 11. Hedonism                         | 24. Squander                            |
| 12. I Hope You Get To Meet Your Hero | 25. You Saved Me                        |
| 13. Love Someone Else                | 26. You'll Follow Me Down (Bonus Track) |

**Limited Deluxe Vinyl** - 3LP "Orange" Coloured Vinyl premium Box with bonus 7" "You'll Follow me Down (Live)" plus 2 poster inserts (Artist store will include Exclusive Lyric Book and Boxes will be signed by band)

**Black Vinyl** - 3LP (Artist store will include 12 x 12 signed album artwork print)

**Limited 2CD Deluxe**, includes bonus track "You'll Follow Me Down (Live)" (Artist store will come Signed by band)

**2CD**

**2 x Cassette**

**Digital Album**



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