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From The Desk Of Amor De Días' Alasdair Maclean: Liam Hayes And Plush

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Amor de Días—the duo of Alasdair Maclean (Clientele) and Lupe Núñez-Fernández (Pipas)—just released debut album *Street Of The Love Of Days* via Merge. (Those of you who speak Spanish know that the band's moniker translates to "love of days," hence the album title.) Maclean and Núñez-Fernández worked on the 15-track LP for more than three years, and it features guest spots by the likes of Louis Philippe, Damon & Naomi, Gary Olson (Ladybug Transistor) and Danny Manners. Maclean and Núñez-Fernández will also be guest editing [magnetmagazine.com](#) all week. Read our brand new [Q&A](#) with them.



Maclean: [Liam Hayes](#) is a hero of American music. But U.S. critics just don't seem to get him. He's far more celebrated in the U.K., but even there he doesn't have the audience he deserves. Hayes' music unravels in consistently unpredictable ways; think vintage Paul McCartney or Brian Wilson. People say the genius chess player Bobby Fischer had a method of extraordinary purity and simplicity—but that you only realised it after he'd made his moves. Liam's songs are dazzling like that. Gorgeous, unexpected harmonic progressions and resolutions, beautiful textural arrangements. "Found A Little Baby" is my favourite song, but *Bright Penny*, the latest album, is also a classic. He's been a huge inspiration to me for nearly a decade.

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