

Lucy Dacus "Historian": an album at the beginning of a career to outlast time.

"Historian" is the slowly building, nuanced product of Lucy Dacus's lulling, lyrical voice. Dacus catalogues a rich legacy with a sensitive poise that is at once sonorous and enticing. Mellow tones ebb the listener into a contemplative solace broken by the addition of breath-taking strings, and of course, spoken word samples that set the album apart from other similarly dark and honeyed compositions. Instrumentation rolls from one sound to the next with irregularity and unpredictability, yet still flowing with ease and a confidence that shines much more brightly than in Dacus's previous album, "No Burden".

Strong lyrical content is expected from this particular, majestic wordsmith when considering her musical background; however, the less "catchy" tracks on this album have the gravitas of subtlety without sacrificing their transparency or conviction. Dacus's relationship to time and change throughout this collection follows the same continuous motion as her veering guitar tones, but despite the mourning contemplations that form the album's foundation, an elegy of optimism is omnipresent, tucked carefully behind complex melodic lines and long-lasting talent.