



## Steven Adams



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## Solo album from Broken Family Band veteran offers a British riposte to US indie.

Since calling time on Broken Family Band in 2009, Steven Adams has frequently avoided giving the impression he's gone solo by playing and recording as Singing Adams and Steven Adams And The French Drops. Drops, though, is his third LP under his own name. The last such was 2016's Old Magick. A many flavoured thing, Drops sets the motorik-leaning Chills and American Music Club-esque Living In The Local Void against the third album Velvetscoloured Fascists. Making Holes evokes John Lennon on the downbeat side of The White Album. Instant melodies, Adams' intimate voice and observational lyrics bring cohesion. Subjects pondered include the pressures brought by loosening up while on holiday in Holiday Casual and, with Making Holes, the perils of repeatedly ploughing the same emotional furrow. It's taken a while, but urban Britain has generated its very own equivalent of Stephen Malkmus.

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