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“The Playful Contradictions of Raincheck Summer by Lillian Frances”

On May 8, Davis-based musician Lillian Frances will release “Raincheck Summer,” the first single and accompanying music video off her debut album, *Moonrise Queendom* (June 5).

In 2018, the motto of the summer seemed to be “I’m good! How are you?.” At every party she went to, electronic musician Lillian Frances found herself counterfeiting connections: making plans with people whose names she’d forgotten, who likely didn’t remember hers either. *It was a raincheck summer, let’s hang out soon never*, Frances sings on her new single “Raincheck Summer,” flanked by emotive cellos and propelled by sticky beats and a gasping 808 kick drum.

In “Raincheck Summer,” Frances explores the idea of authentic connection. Initially, the song was intended to poke fun at the emotional distance we establish with people we’re together with physically. However, in the past couple of months, the song’s meaning has shifted, now raising the question of how we can deepen social bonds while remaining physically separate.

The song’s accompanying music video is saturated with Frances’ playful, colorful aesthetic, and embodies the song’s witty lyrical contradictions. It was produced and directed by Frances, with filmmaker and director of photography, Zeroscope.

“Raincheck Summer” is the first single off her debut album, and will be released with the music video on May 8. The full album, *Moonrise Queendom*, comes out June 5, under the full moon. Her music will be available on Spotify, Youtube, and wherever you get your music. To see Frances’ collages and follow her musical endeavors, find her on Instagram at @lillianfrancesmusic.

Lillian Frances is a music producer from Davis, CA. Her music has been featured on NPR’s Heavy Rotation, Capital Public Radio, and Indie Shuffle. Past festivals include Sacramento PorchFest (2018, 2019), the Davis Music Festival (2017, 2019), and the Davis Cherry Blossom Festival (2018, 2019, 2020); notable performances include opening for Sylvan Esso, and playing alongside Shakey Graves, Sage the Gemini, and Lexi Panterra.