



# vices contrafact

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## Grade School Records

**For fans of: Mac Miller, Anderson .Paak**

Contrafact (AKA Connor Newton), from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan is back with his second EP "Vices". The EP is his follow-up to the 2017 full-length "How to Succeed at Nothing", and showcases more of Newton's love of hip-hop filtered through his extensive jazz performance chops. Newton has toured across Canada and the United States as a saxophone player in a number of different groups, and has shared a stage with The Main Squeeze, Cory Wong (vulfpeck), Joel Plaskett, and Seamus Blake. "Vices" marks Newton stepping into the spotlight as Contrafact, and showcases his beatmaking, rapping, and production prowess.

"Vices" was written at the very end of 2020 and beginning of 2021 about the frustrations and emotions of pandemic living. The jazz saxophonist gone rapper

wrote, recorded and mixed the EP, and it was co-produced with the inimitable Graham Tilsley and Sammy Folkersen, who also perform on the EP. It will be released by Grade School Records on Bandcamp, or wherever you stream music on May 21st, 2021

### Contrafact:

*"I know this pandemic sent me (and all of us) on a journey through a wide range of emotions, and this EP captures just a slice of that experience. I know I battled with abusing alcohol and marijuana, battling laziness, depression, anger, and finally guilt, for drinking too much, or not doing anything or seeing anyone, or being myself- which to me is making music with people I love and respect!"*

1. **SOBER** - this one is self explanatory. I tried! I keep trying. I won't stop trying. But it sure isn't easy to shake off the feeling of failure.
2. **FURIOUS** - I'm mad at you, for being so stupid, for mismanaging a pandemic, for taking peoples safety for granted. That just makes me fuuuuurious.
3. **RELENTLESS** - We all have bad days, fall off the horse, but it's all about being relentless, and picking yourself up by your bootstraps. The pressure to give up is relentless, but so is the drive to get back up."

Connor Newton - Lead Vocals, Saxophones, Programming,  
Keyboards, Guitar, Congas, Tamborine, Guiro(2)  
Graham Tilsley- Backing vocals, Bass (2,3), Guitar(1,3),  
Shakers  
Sammy Folkersen - Backing Vocals (2), Guitar (2)  
Mackenzie Mutch - Backing Vocals (2)  
All songs written by Connor Newton  
Produced by Connor Newton  
Co-Produced by Graham Tilsley & Sammy Folkersen  
Recorded & Mixed by Connor Newton  
Mastered by Sean Davis Newton  
Cover art by Sean Davis Newton

