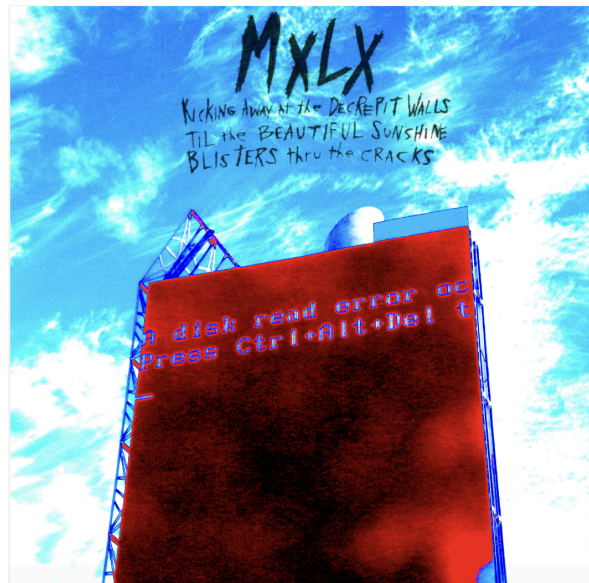


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## ***MXLX - Kicking Away At the Decrepit Walls Til the Beautiful Sunshine Blisters Thru the Cracks***

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This record takes you out, spits in your eye, and drives home without you. With thundering organs, growling strings, and a gutting dissonance that'll make your spine shiver, the explosive catharsis MXLX captures in *Kicking Away* is not for the faint of heart. MXLX masterfully explores electronic ambient noise with metal chaos all in one fell swoop.

Constructing secret melodies with sounds emulating pipes crashing on a nightmare wedding, or sitting inside your computer during a reboot, this album never knows boring.

In its final track, MXLX leads listeners to the precipice of a release fueled by pure wrath, where one could sonically experience how a video game character must feel when they're dying, in true 8-bit noise fashion. The record is innovative, brutally honest, and will leave you gasping for air.