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know about the rising stars shaping the future of pop!

This February, Rising Stars celebrates the electric partnership of Kaitlin Meadows and Mary Summers - two of the industry's brightest forces, now sharing one spotlight. From award-winning solo careers to their highly anticipated collaborative album, the pair are proving that friendship and fierce creativity make an unbeatable

mix. With sold-out shows, genre-pushing visuals, and a sound that blends power with vulnerability, they're not just making music - they're making history. Turn the page for an evalusive leak inside

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Solo stars, stronger together: A new era begins here.



Double Vision

How Kaitlin Meadows and Mary Summers are rewriting the rules of pop
— together.

Kaitlin Meadows is known for her fierce energy and bold visuals. Her third studio album, Ashes & After, features the high-octane anthem "Smoke Signals," a powerful expression of resilience and growth. Mary Summers recently released her sophomore album Blue Hour, diving into soft-lit vulnerability with her breakout single, "Never the Same" showcasing her poetic lyricism and emotional depth.

Now, these two stars have collided.

Their joint project, Velvet Reign, is more than just a collaboration - it's a statement. Blending Kaitlin's fire with Mary's introspection, the album explores strength, softness, and everything in between. Together, they've created something that feels bold yet intimate, fierce yet vulnerable - a sound that's rewriting the rules of modern pop. In our exclusive interview, the duo opens up about the creative process, late-night writing sessions, and the challenges of balancing two distinct visions. They talk trust, sisterhood, and what it means to create something for the fans - not the charts. (But let's be honest, it'll top those too.)

Behind the Scenes



From Solo Stars to Power Pair

"We didn't go into it with a plan," Kaitlin says. "It started with one song, and suddenly we realized — we weren't just guest-starring on each other's tracks. We were building something bigger than both of us."

Mary adds, "There was no ego in the room. It was just two women showing up with all our ideas, all our emotions, and seeing what we could make together. It was magic."

