

Like a moth to a flame, Mothica is drawn to the light.

The inspiration for Mothica starts with McKenzie Ellis and her upbringing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Beyond the usual quirks of growing up in the suburbs of the heart of America, her adolescent years embody stories of both affliction and growth. Ellis endured devastating accounts of sexual abuse from a youth pastor, self-harm, a suicide attempt, hospitalizations, and addiction to drugs and alcohol — nevertheless, she molded her pain into art by channeling her life experiences through writing music under her new alias, Mothica. Armed with a haunting singing voice and vulnerable lyrics, 2015 saw the debut of Mothica's Mythic EP via SoundCloud which was written, produced, and performed by Mothica herself.

Off the debut EP, "No One" became Mothica's first single to land a spot on Spotify's US Viral 50 charts and set the tone for her career to come, spurring collaborations with artists such as Said The Sky, SLUMBERJACK, Pusher, MEMBA, Electric Mantis, and more. Mothica performed over 50 headlining shows across the United States and continued to produce on her own with the release of EP's such as Heavy Heart and Ashes, prompting an outpouring of support in the form of remixes by notable names in electronic music and a loyal fanbase.

A new chapter in her story began in 2020. In preparation for her biggest project to date, Mothica stumbled upon an unexpected audience through what she thought was an ordinary post to TikTok — Mothica's emotional video of herself listening to the newly mastered "VICES" has garnered over 5 million views on TikTok alone and led Mothica to move up the track's release date due to popular demand. In just four days following its release, "VICES" accumulated over 1 million streams and debuted at No. 2 on the iTunes Pop charts. In just six years as an independent artist, Mothica has now amassed over 100 million streams across all platforms due to audiences developing a deep connection with Mothica's uninhibited, painfully honest portrayal of being human.

Following a whirlwind summer of earning new audiences through the explosion of "VICES," Mothica unveiled her debut full-length record Blue Hour in August which debuted #1 on iTunes Pop Album Chart. Named after the time of day just after sunset, Blue Hour tells the heavy yet honest tales of Mothica's journey into sobriety through an intimate, chilling lens. Written over the course of the first few months following her sobriety, Mothica chronicles the destructive lows of her addiction that led to the eventual beauty and clarity she discovered through getting sober. Guided by the duality of destruction and beauty, Blue Hour represents the light she's always been searching for.

"I am attracted to the light... like the small window of time right after sunset, when the entire sky is painted a deep, rich shade of blue... this fleeting transition from night to day is what I've always been looking for. This is my Blue Hour."