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# MESMERIZING SINGER/SONGWRITER DUO ORDINARY ELEPHANT DEFTLY SPIN STORIES INTO SONGS ON CAPTIVATING SELF-TITLED ALBUM PRODUCED BY DIRK POWELL, OUT MAY 3

## ENCHANTING FIRST TRACK "RELIC OF THE RAIN" OUT TODAY WATCH THE VIDEO HERE

### AFTER FOLK ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL, TOUR DATES BEGIN APRIL 5

Nashville, TN – Acclaimed folk duo Ordinary Elephant (husband/wife singer/songwriters Crystal Hariu-Damore and Pete Damore) returns with their enthralling self-titled album on May 3rd. After years of non-stop touring, *Ordinary Elephant* finds the artists at home in rural Louisiana, sharing stories and embracing stillness. The result is a powerful, stripped-down, intimate collection of emotive and character-driven songs. Today Ordinary Elephant release the up-tempo, hopeful "Relic of the Rain" which offers a snapshot of their personal love story. Watch the video <a href="https://example.com/here-emotion-new-mailto-release-emotion-new-

For *Ordinary Elephant*, the duo enlisted producer/multi-instrumentalist Dirk Powell (Joan Baez, Levon Helm), recording the album in Powell's studio in Beaux Bridge, Louisiana, on the banks of Bayou Teche. And while Crystal and Pete were wide open to all facets of the recording process, all three agreed that the raw, live takes perfectly encapsulated the essence of Ordinary Elephant. Crystal shares, "It was kind of a scary thought at first, to put ourselves out there in such a raw way. But honestly, this album is the purest distillation of our sound we've ever captured."

The contemplative "Once Upon a Time" kicks off the album, followed by "The Prophet," offering delicate guitar and banjo permeated by harmony. "Midlife" aptly offers a reflection on middle age, while "Here It Is" wrestles with the political and systemic issues of our times. The raw vulnerability of "They'll Figure It Out" seamlessly leads into the confidence of commitment echoed in "Walk With You." The uplifting "I See You" closes the album, as Crystal bares her soul in an open letter to her future self.

Ordinary Elephant began in 2014, when Crystal and Pete left established careers to pursue their passion for music, jumping into an RV and hitting the road. After years of touring constantly and building a fanbase, the duo earned the International Folk Music Award for Artist of the Year on the strength of their breakout album *Before I Go.* They followed up with 2019's *Honest*, which the *Associated Press* hailed as "one of the best Americana albums of the year" and *PopMatters* called "one of the best folk duo records in recent memory."

After a run at Folk Alliance International, the duo head out on tour on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Springville, NY. Dates are below and on their website <u>HERE</u>. Their shows, just like

themselves, are anything but ordinary; transcendent and intimate, they focus on the magic and beauty hiding in plain sight.

### **Ordinary Elephant 2024 Tour Dates** February 21 - 25 - Kansas City, MO - Folk Alliance April 5 – **Springville. NY** – Art's Café with Peter Mulvev April 6 – Rochester, NY – Café Veritas April 7 – **Albany**, **NY** – The Linda April 10 - Northampton, MA - The Parlor Room April 11 – **New London, NH** – The Flying Goose April 12 – **Putney, VT** – Next Stage Arts Project April 13 – Portsmouth, NH – The Music Hall Lounge April 14 – Haverhill, NH – Court Street Arts April 16 – Cambridge, MA – Club Passim April 20 – **Middletown, ČT** – The Buttonwood Tree April 21 - Frenchtown, NJ - Frenchtown Bookshop April 24 – Hillsborough, NC – Eno House Artist's Den April 27 – Wilmington, NC – Live at Ted's April 28 - Bakersville. NC - House Concert May 2 – **Lewes, DE** – The Listening Booth May 3 – Washington, DC – Lucky Penny House Concert May 4 – Chester, MD – Macum Creek Concerts May 5 – Fruitland, MD – Delmarvelous Americana House Concert May 8 – **Roanoke**, **VA** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Coffeehouse May 11 – **Hot Springs**, **NC** – Rare Bird Farm with Tim Easton May 15 – Columbus, OH – Natalie's Grandview May 16 - Marshall, MI - Northfield Mandolins Showroom May 17 – **Lake Orion**, **MI** – 20 Front Street May 18 – Grand Haven. MI – House of Lyrics May 30 – **Houston, TX** – Mucky Duck May 31 – **Austin**, **TX** – 04 Center

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