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# ENCHANTING SINGER/SONGWRITER DUO ORDINARY ELEPHANT RELEASE "I SEE YOU" FROM SELF-TITLED ALBUM, OUT MAY 3

## WATCH THE MESMERIZING "I SEE YOU" VIDEO HERE PREMIERING TODAY AT THE BLUEGRASS SITUATION

#### **TOUR DATES BEGIN TODAY IN SPRINGVILLE, NY**

Nashville, TN – Acclaimed folk duo Ordinary Elephant (husband/wife singer/songwriters Crystal Hariu-Damore and Pete Damore) have released their newest track "I See You," from their captivating self-titled album, out May 3rd. *Ordinary Elephant* offers haunting melodies, close vocal harmonies, and masterful acoustic guitar work. The duo's music often evokes a sense of nostalgia and longing, with storytelling that delves deep into the human experience. Watch the hypnotizing "I See You" video which premiered on *The Bluegrass Situation* today and listen via DSPs HERE. Pre-order *Ordinary Elephant* HERE.

"I See You" is Crystal's honest and open letter about looking forward, written a few months into her sobriety. She told *The Bluegrass Situation*, "Being in the moment and accepting who and where we are is valuable, and I believe that getting better at this is a practice that can hold a lot of happiness. But it also seems that if we don't look ahead and think of a future self, it can be difficult to grow in ways that feel meaningful. So this is a talk with that future self, letting her know that I see her."

Ordinary Elephant was produced by multi-instrumentalist Dirk Powell (Joan Baez, Levon Helm), and recorded in Powell's studio in Beaux Bridge, Louisiana, on the banks of Bayou Teche. The record itself is a work of profound self-assurance, one delivered by a duo whose personal and professional lives embody the limitless possibility of honest, organic collaboration. Crystal and Pete's journeys are interwoven in the lyrics, whether they are contemplating middle age on "Midlife" or exploring the process of self-love on "The Prophet." The carefree song "Joy Has Not Forgotten Me" captures the essence of Ordinary Elephant. Crystal explains "Joy is always there if you're willing to work for it, and it feels like that notion is at the heart of who we are as a band."

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."

The duo head out on tour today 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** April 5 – **Springville, NY** – Art's Café with Peter Mulvey 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, CT** – 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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