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INDIE DUO THE NOËLS RETURN AFTER TWO DECADES WITH ALL-STAR-BACKED ALBUM, *STAYED*



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RALEIGH, NC (OCTOBER 30, 2026) — Husband-and-wife independent duo **The Noëls — Jonathan and Amanda Noël** — are thrilled to announce that their full-length studio album, ***Stayed***, is **available everywhere now**. Following an exclusive early release on Bandcamp on October 16, the 11-song project arrived on all major streaming and digital platforms today.

Bridging the melodic hooks of modern indie-pop with traditional alternative folk and Americana, *Stayed* centers on themes of spiritual anchorage and unshakeable resilience. Drawing inspiration from the profound promise of Isaiah 26:3—*"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you"*—the chronological journey moves through human endurance and deep grief into unshakeable peace.

Decades of Craft and Ministry

The roots of *Stayed* trace back over three decades of collaborative craft. In 2005, after a decade as sought-after professional stage and studio musicians in Nashville—where they declined multiple major recording contracts—the couple made an intentional pivot. Settling down, they have spent the majority of the past 21 years rooted in North Carolina, raising their two children, serving in local church ministry, and building a rich individual discography of indie albums, solo EPs, and live records.

Throughout their career, they have performed everywhere from intimate country chapels and historic theaters to massive arenas, collaborating and touring with artists like **Andrew Peterson**, **Fernando Ortega**, and **Jars Of Clay**. Their studio work also includes songwriting credits on Grammy and Dove Award-winning projects.

Sonic Landscape and Standouts

Featuring Jonathan and Amanda's captivating lead vocals, piano, and guitar as the project's core, nearly all tracks were written and arranged by the duo.

Musically dynamic, the album opens with the bittersweet, high-energy alternative rock track "Younger Than the War," and rolls forward with anthems like "27 Miles" and "Rise, O Lord, My Heart Awaken." The emotional anchor rests in the mid-album spiritual suite of "Beloved" and "Quiet Me," before closing with the country-gospel masterpiece "Dear Friend," the title track "Stayed," and the Psalm 27-inspired closer "I Remain."

The expansive soundscape features an elite ensemble, including **Sean Watkins** (Nickel Creek), **Ron Block** (Alison Krauss & Union Station), **Bethany Bordeaux**, **Justin Schipper** (Post Malone, Beyoncé), **Chris Donohue** (Emmylou Harris), **Dale Baker** (Sixpence None the Richer), and members of **Jars of Clay**. Adding a deeply personal family layer, the couple's adult children, Gabriel and Emelia Noël, contributed their voices and instruments to the project. **Dove Award-winning producer Stephen Leiweke** produced and shaped the album alongside co-producer Jonathan Noël.

AVAILABILITY & LINKS

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