

Chatham Rabbits



Be Real with Me

For Immediate Release—

Chatham Rabbits Take A Universal Look At Their Own Coming Of Age On New Album, *Be Real With Me*

Out now; Catch Chatham Rabbits tonight in Asheville, NC, and tomorrow in Atlanta, GA

Greensboro, NC – February 14, 2025 – “I’m ready for our fans to get to know the people we are now,” says [Chatham Rabbits](#)’ Sarah McCombie about the direction of their brand new LP, *Be Real With Me*. “We’ve grown up together and getting to reveal this album feels like our collective coming of age.” Sarah and her husband and bandmate, Austin, have been picking apart life’s big moments, difficult and joyous, and reassessing them all from a place of hard-won experience and personal truths found on the road. This lifestyle has presented us with exhausting tour schedules, vulnerable songs that force us to talk about our marriage, difficult business decisions, and the ever-complicated dilemma of mixing art and money and friends and employees,” says Sarah. “These past two years have totally changed us,” describes Austin. “We’re not as bright-eyed and naive as we were when we committed to Chatham Rabbits full-time.”

Finding a home for these feelings through song has proven to be not just cathartic and eye-opening for Chatham Rabbits, but for their loyal fanbase as well. “I’m ready for our fans to get to know the people we are now,” says Sarah. “We’ve grown up together and getting to reveal this album feels like our collective coming of age.” The McCombie’s transparency collides with their knack for turning very

personal stories into universal reckoning with responsibility and growth in such a way that includes fans of all stages of life in their journey, creating a community that means so much more than just the music. The Chatham Rabbits community is a place to grow together.

And fans will hear that growth in the music as well. “We’ve never been a bluegrass band, but being from NC we cannot ignore the regional influences all around us,” says Austin. “We sampled organic tones and manipulated them into synth pads and percussive elements on this record. It feels like a natural progression because the foundational components of our music are still there, we’ve just added to it.” Written post-pandemic by Sarah and Austin and recorded over a two year period at the Studio at Small Pond Farm, in Pittsboro, North Carolina, *Be Real With Me* was co-produced by Austin McCombie and the band’s longtime collaborator, Saman Khoujinian (The Dead Tongues, Lou Hazel). On this album, fans will still hear Sarah’s banjo, but right along with it are things like a drum machine, synthesizer, and pedal steel. But it’s the self-reflecting, earnest lyrics that show the most growth from the McCombies.

Be Real With Me is available now to stream and purchase at [this link](#). Chatham Rabbits will hit the stage tonight at the Grey Eagle in Asheville, North Carolina, before heading down to Atlanta’s famed Eddie’s Attic on Saturday. A full list of tour dates can be found below or at chathamrabbits.com/tour.

Be Real With Me In The News:

[NPR](#) included the album in their New Music Friday roundup and also in their [NMF playlist](#).

“Absolutely marvelous and beguiling” – [No Depression](#)

“Be Real with Me represents a remarkable step forward in the Chatham Rabbits’ musical development.” – [Americana UK](#)

“An honest and open album that moves beyond its bluegrass borders to explore different musical territory. As the title says, it gets real.” – [KLOF Mag](#)

Be Real With Me Tracklist:

Facing 29

Matador

Gas Money

Childhood Friends

Big Fish, Small Pond

Did I Really Know Him

One Little Orange

Collateral Damage

Pool Shark’s Table

Catch Chatham Rabbits On Tour:

Feb. 14 – The Grey Eagle – Asheville, NC

Feb. 15 – Eddie’s Attic – Decatur, GA

Feb. 21 – State Theater – Greenville, NC
Feb 22 – 23 – Haw River Ballroom – Graham, NC
Feb. 27 – Richmond Music Hall – Richmond, VA
Feb. 28 – The Southern Cafe and Music Hall – Charlottesville, VA
March 1 – Jammin’ Java – Washington, DC
March 4 – Joe’s Pub – New York, NY
Mach 6 – Club Passim – Cambridge, MA
March 7 – Back Porch Fest – Northampton, MA
March 8 – The Wood Barn – Exeter, NH
March 9 – Caffe Lena – Saratoga Springs, NY
March 13 – Lyric Theatre – Blacksburg, VA
March 14 – The Burl – Lexington, KY
March 15 – The Monarch Music and Arts Community – Louisville, KY
March 16 – Laurel Theatre – Knoxville, TN
March 27 – Charleston Pour House – Charleston, SC
March 28 – Kenan Auditorium – Wilmington, NC
March 29 – Neighborhood Theatre – Charlotte, NC
For ticket information, please visit chathamrabbits.com/tour.



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More About Chatham Rabbits: Partners in life and music, Sarah and Austin McCombie have captured the adoration of fans nationwide and praise from Garden & Gun, American Songwriter, Paste and No Depression. Amid an impressive touring schedule, the two have already released three full-length records and somehow find energy to run their farm in their home state of North Carolina, a work ethic and connection to community that comes through in their songwriting. In 2020, the band played 194 neighborhood concerts as part of their concept The Stay at Home Tour, allowing them to connect with fans in a time of need. The following year, the duo caught the attention of PBS and filmed a limited series titled On the Road that is currently airing nationwide. The McCombies are poised for their most ambitious year yet, including a stacked headlining tour with their full backing band.