

The Sidleys Release “The Love You Make”

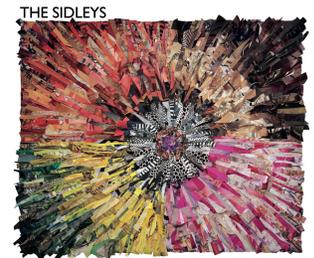


Photo: Pedro Blanco

The thumping bass and hypnotic drums can be heard from miles away in the modest Cape Cod style home tucked away in suburban Bethesda, Maryland. This is where the magic happens, where music is created and sweet harmonies fill the home of one of Washington, D.C.'s most well known musical families. The Sidleys are two generations of family that create amazing music together: longtime DC area favorites singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalists Annie Sidley

(guitar/vocals) and Steve Sidley (guitar/vocals), along with their three musically gifted sons, Colin Sidley (bass/vocals), Ian Sidley (keyboards/vocals) and Sean Sidley (drums). Together, they are known for their memorable songs, powerful vocals, effervescent harmonies, accomplished musicianship and energetic live shows.

On June 16, 2017 The Sidleys released their new album, appropriately named, *The Love You Make*. It's all about love, relationships, family, successes and challenges and was not only written but also recorded in their suburban home. *The Love You Make* was mixed by their good friend, outstanding musician and engineer, Doug Derryberry (Dave Matthews, John Mayer) and mastered by Michael Fossenkemper (Elton John, Madonna, Michael Jackson). Their new album *The Love You Make* takes you from the soulful groove of “You and I” to the heart wrenching torch song lament of “The Love You Make” into the haunting and graceful “This is Home” until the finale where The Sidleys delve into the formidable and disheartening world of modern dating and hook-up culture with “Happy Hour”.



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Their musical influences span from classic Motown and R&B (Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight) and Rock (Beatles, Steely Dan) to current progressive rock, hip-hop, jazz and neo-soul (Radiohead, Phoenix, Amy Winehouse, Adele, Anderson Paak, Hiatus Coyote). Inspired by these artists' influences, the Sidleys create their own unique sound they describe as melodic soul-influenced indie rock.

After releasing their critically acclaimed debut *Bittersweet* as a duo in 2013, recording a new album with their three sons is a dream come true for Annie and Steve. Raising three energetic and creative boys wasn't an easy task and hasn't been without its difficulties. Their oldest son, Sean, was a prodigy drummer who had difficulties in school that eventually led to him being home schooled. Annie & Steve ended up teaching all three boys at home for a total of seven years before they returned to school.

Being together 24 hours a day had its advantages as well as its challenges but music was always a huge part of their family environment. As young kids they never really listened to “children's music” and instead preferred listening to David Bowie or Outkast on long car trips. To this day, the whole family is constantly listening to new and innovative artists and Sean, Colin and Ian have just started to compose their own music. Annie and Steve performed all over the United States and their boys joined them in their travels, with Sean playing drums while Colin and Ian helped out with merchandise prior to becoming musicians themselves.

At age 13, Sean started to exhibit signs of addiction and gravitated to troubled people, quickly spiraling into the world of drugs and alcohol. Unable to help Sean manage his addiction and destructive behavior, the family had to make the difficult decision of enrolling Sean in a residential therapeutic school to keep him safe and give him the help he needed. After struggling for several years, Sean became sober in 2015 and just celebrated two years sobriety this April. Supported by a positive community of friends, he talks about how radically his life has changed for the better and he now supports others who struggle with addiction as well as working as a full time musician.

Through it all, The Sidleys have much to celebrate and are excited to perform music from their new album together this summer. Go to www.thesidleys.com for more information.