



DELTA SPIRIT RETURN WITH *ONE IS ONE* MAY 20th VIA NEW WEST RECORDS

RELEASE THE STUNNING “WHAT’S DONE IS DONE” VIDEO IN HONOR OF WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

***ONE IS ONE* TOUR LAUNCHES TOMORROW**

Delta Spirit will return with their new album *One is One* on May 20th via New West Records. The 10-song set was produced by the band and Jason Kingsland (Band of Horses, Belle and Sebastian) and mixed by Matt Pence (Jason Isbell, The Breeders). *One is One* follows their critically acclaimed 2020 New West debut *What Is There* which **American Songwriter** exclaimed “Vasquez and his bandmates may have indeed made their masterpiece” while **Classic Rock Magazine** in the UK called it, “Epic and cinematic...Beautiful and haunting” and “...an intricately crafted return to form.”

One is One ponders big questions through poignant, plainspoken lyrics uplifted by moments of sweeping rock ‘n’ roll. It documents the most important moments they’ve lived and key lessons they’ve gathered along the way. Frontman Matthew Logan Vasquez says, “*One is One* essentially says, ‘What is life all about? Here are some observations.’” In the end, Delta Spirit has gone deeper than ever with their most memorable body of work.

Today, the band released the stunning video for the first single “What’s Done is Done,” in honor of World Down Syndrome Day. The video, which depicts a heartfelt and touching love story of a couple with Down syndrome, stars Jamie Brewer (*American Horror Story*) and Zack Gottsagen (*The Peanut Butter Falcon*) and saw its official premiere at the SXSW Film Festival last week in Austin, TX. It was written and directed by the band’s longtime collaborator Michael Parks Randa and produced in partnership with the [Global Down Syndrome Foundation \(GLOBAL\)](#). “People with Down syndrome deserve to have representation and be part of the film and music industries,” said Michelle Sie Whitten, President & CEO of GLOBAL and former cable TV executive. “When Michael Parks Randa and producer Amanda Booth came to us with a project that included two of GLOBAL’s Quincy Jones Exceptional Advocacy Awardees, we realized what a unique opportunity it was for actors and musicians who are differently-abled. The video is beautiful, and we hope everyone gets a chance to see it!”

Zack Gottsagen offered, “I want people to see what’s inside our hearts. We are warm. We are kind. We are sweet. That is who we are. People with down syndrome want to be in love and spread that love and joy, like me and Jamie in the music video.” Jamie Brewer added, “I believe that everyone should be included in everyday activities and be represented in all aspects of the media. Our world is made up of all types of individuals with different backgrounds and lifestyles, and music is a common thread with everyone. We can all learn from each other and be inspired when we see something new, exciting, and possible around us. Let’s all keep music in our heart.”

Vasquez says, “Before starting Delta Spirit, I worked in an adult transition program for people with disabilities and it was such a rewarding experience. As a society, we really underestimate the capabilities of the disability community, especially in the creative arts. We've been collaborating with Randa for years, and after seeing his inclusive film *Best Summer Ever*, we were energized by the idea of doing our part to help further inclusion in the music industry. When he brought Zack and Jamie to the table to tell a love story between two people with down syndrome, the band was so excited. They're both incredibly talented - I loved *Peanut Butter Falcon* and *American Horror Story*. Having a niece with Down syndrome, it's really important for her to see herself on screen and feel included and to know that an amazing organization like the Global Down Syndrome Foundation is working hard to create a brighter future for her.” Director, Michael Parks Randa, said “My parents have run a day program for people with disabilities in Massachusetts for the past 50 years, so inclusion and authentic representation in the film industry has always been an initiative for me as a filmmaker. With inclusive films like *CODA* and *Crip Camp* getting recognized at the Oscars, it's encouraging to see some progress being made in the film industry, but it's much harder to identify progress in the music industry. We hope that the existence of this music video will encourage labels and artists to think in more inclusive terms going forward and that people will support the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.”

Formed in Southern California in 2005, Delta Spirit took an extended break after supporting their acclaimed effort *Into The Wide*. “In 2015, we were getting along like a family gets along,” admits Vasquez. “That means sometimes we didn’t like each other too much. We were just growing apart. When we took a break and the band stopped, the friendships got an opportunity to come back.” After six years, Delta Spirit not only returned, but moved forward together on 2020’s *What Is There*. That forward progression continues with *One is One* as they have naturally inched towards making such a statement. Since their formation, they’ve captivated live audiences, graced the

stages of marquee festivals such as Coachella and Lollapalooza, as well as television shows like Jimmy Kimmel LIVE!, Jools Holland, and Austin City Limits. Meanwhile, the group reached critical mass via syncs on television shows like *Friday Night Lights*. They've maintained their momentum in the midst of the Global Pandemic.

Churning out ideas separately throughout the summer of 2020, Vasquez and drummer Brandon Young recorded an initial version of the album in Austin, TX and then sent it to the rest of the band, perfecting the songs over time. With Vasquez in Austin, Young in Chattanooga, multi-instrumentalist Kelly Winrich & guitarist Will McLaren in New York City, and bassist John Jameson in Montreal, the musicians congregated for sessions in New York and Vermont. They expanded the sonic palette by incorporating soundtrack-style elements more than ever before. "Our cup of tea is making epic and cinematic music, Vasquez says. "We've always been like that. We try to put our listeners in their own movie."

"This music was adventurous for us," Vasquez leaves off. "It's full of positivity and beauty. I hope those feelings are reflected back for people."

After multiple appearances at the SXSW Music Festival last week, Delta Spirit will launch a tour giving fans a live preview of *One is One* tomorrow night in Birmingham, AL. The 31-date tour features stops at Brooklyn Made in Brooklyn, NY, The Mohawk in Austin, TX, the Fox Theater in Boulder, CO, the Lodge Room in Los Angeles and many more. Please see all dates below.

Delta Spirit's *One is One* will be available across digital retailers on Friday, May 20th. Compact Disc and Vinyl Editions will be released on Friday, September 16th. *One is One* is available for pre-order **NOW** via **NEW WEST RECORDS**.

Delta Spirit *One is One* Track Listing:

1. Villains
2. One is One
3. What's Done is Done
4. Lottery Ticket
5. Pick it Up
6. The Beginning
7. Ghost of Caddo
8. Thoughts on Seneca
9. Jane Pauley
10. On & On (Look Away)

Delta Spirit On Tour:

March 22nd - Birmingham, AL - Saturn
March 23rd - Atlanta, GA - Terminal West
March 24th - Asheville, NC - The Grey Eagle
March 25th - Millvale, PA - Mr Smalls Theatre
March 26th - Baltimore, MD - Ottobar
March 28th - Millersville, PA - Phantom Power
March 29th - Alexandria, VA - The Birchmere
March 31st - Brooklyn, NY - Brooklyn Made
April 1st - Jersey City, NJ - White Eagle Hall
April 2nd - South Burlington, VT - Higher Ground Ballroom
April 4th - Toronto, ON - Horseshoe Tavern
April 6th - Indianapolis, IN - Hi Fi Annex
April 8th - Dallas, TX - Trees
April 9th - Austin, TX - Mohawk
April 10th - Houston, TX - White Oak Music Hall
May 7th - Fort Collins, CO - Aggie Theatre
May 8th - Aspen, CO - Belly Up
May 10th - Boise, ID - Olympic
May 11th - Tacoma, WA - Fawcett Hall
May 13th - Vancouver, BC - Hollywood Theatre
May 15th - Menlo Park, CA - The Guild Theatre
May 17th - Berkeley, CA - Cornerstone
May 19th - San Luis Obispo, CA - Freemont Theater
May 20th - Los Angeles, CA - Lodge Room
May 21st - Solana Beach, CA - Belly Up Tavern

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