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Luke Ydstie and Kati Claborn live together in Astoria with their daughter, Hazel.

Astoria musicians release new album

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Kati Claborn and Luke Ydstie live and breathe music. For more than a decade, the pair has traveled across the country playing with Blind Pilot, the Astoria-Portland based band that first made headlines back in 2008. They've performed

at packed venues from coast to coast, been featured on NPR Music's Tiny Desk Concert and have more than 860 thousand monthly listeners on Blind Pilot's Spotify.

But while the pair is no stranger to the stage, they tend to stay out of the spotlight.

"I've always been most comfortable in the supporting role," Ydstie said. "Which is why we designed a band in which neither of us have to be the lead singer."

Claborn and Ydstie are more than band-mates. They live together in Astoria and

have a daughter, Hazel, who just started kindergarten.

They also create together. The duo makes up the independent band, The Hackles, which Claborn describes as "broadly folk." On Friday, The Hackles release their sophomore album, "A Dobritch did as a Dobritch Should," recorded here in Astoria.

Unlike their previous album, "A Dobritch did as a Dobritch Should" features a slew of local artists.

"I love collaboration," Claborn said.

"There are so many opportunities to make music with other people in town. Everybody plays in each other's project," she said. "Helps each other along," Ydstie said, finishing her sentence. (They do that a lot.)

"For a little town," Claborn said. "There's a lot of really amazing musicians."

The album itself presents a plethora of tender tunes that vary in flavor from track to track, thanks largely to the variety of

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