

Minnesota band Humbird plays Baker City April 2

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BAKER CITY — Siri Undlin's first name is quite well known these days.

At least to those who have iPhones.

But can that Siri write original songs that bring tears to your eyes?

Undlin is the lead singer/songwriter of Humbird, a Minnesota-based band coming to play live Saturday, April 2, at Churchill School, 3451 Broadway St. (enter through the 16th Street parking lot).

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance at www.churchillbaker.com, or \$15 at the door. Proof of vaccination is required. Admission is free for fully vaccinated kids age 15 and younger with a ticket-holding adult.

Humbird is touring the U.S. with their new album, "Still Life," which they released Oct. 15, 2021. Their two-month schedule includes shows on the West Coast, then



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Minnesota-based Humbird plays live April 2, 2022 in Baker City. Band members are, from left, Adelyn Strei, Pat Keen, Siri Undlin and Peter Quirsfeld.

across the United States to Pennsylvania before returning to play in Minnesota April 30.

Undlin said she's been writing songs for most of her life.

"My parents had a piano — I loved messing around on it," she said.

She started writing lyrics in

middle school, and then playing guitar.

"I wrote a ton of songs with just D, G and A for a few years," she said.

Humbird, she said, "has been a fluid band project."

"I'm always there with a rotating cast," she said. "The quartet

is a fresh and new iteration of old friendships."

When asked about the last two years, she said she didn't play much music — at least at first.

"The idea of picking up a guitar was unfathomable — there was so much going on," she said.

But the songs did come. In April 2020, when everyone was staying home and school moved online across the nation, she recorded "On the Day We Are Together Again."

"As months went on, I turned to music and songwriting as a way to process," she said.

Humbird stayed close to home before embarking on this tour.

"We've been touring the Twin Cities extensively, one backyard at a time," she said.

These "pop-up shows" were about 20 minutes with a folk story and several songs.

"It was so personal and healing for everyone," she said.

Humbird will bring CDs and LPs to the April 2 concert. "Still Life" can also be streamed or purchased on Amazon Music, Apple Music, Bandcamp, Google Play, iTunes, Pandora and Spotify. CDs and LPs are available on Amazon.com and www.humbird-music.com.

To see their latest music video, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLNC5jnVexM&t=1s>.

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