

# Bywater Call

**NEW SINGLE – “IS THIS THING ON?”**

**RELEASED JUNE 24, 2026**

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**RELEASED JULY 29, 2026**

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**DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND, TWO NEW DATES ADDED TO BYWATER  
CALL’S JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2027 U.K. TOUR  
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*“A moody, contemporary sheen to their signature classy fusion... sort of Alabama Shakes-esque with a hint of Amy Winehouse, but still very much their own earthy, commanding mix of melody, roots, and soulfulness.”*

*– Classic Rock*

*“Meghan Parnell is the band’s secret weapon, not just with her one-of-a-kind killer voice, but with her personal strength and power that come through every song. Bywater Call stride into uncharted territory with meaningful lyrics and music that stands for something.”*

– *Rock and Blues Muse*

On **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** Canadian roots, rock, and soul band **Bywater Call** are excited to announce the release “**Is This Thing On?**”, leading up to the **July 29<sup>th</sup>** release of their highly anticipated fourth studio album ***Broken Souvenirs*** featuring the critically acclaimed singles “No One Else”, “Only” and “Hold Me Down.” The album is available to pre-order [HERE](#).

Due to popular demand, two new dates have been added to Bywater Call’s January and February 2027 UK Tour. The band will now play **Milton Keynes’ the Stables** on **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, and **Newcastle’s Anarchy Brew** on **February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for all UK shows are available from [The Gig Cartel](#), [Gigantic](#), and [Bywater Call](#).

The new single “**Is This Thing On?**” is available on all streaming platforms via – <https://linktr.ee/bywatercall>

Watch the official music video for “Is This Thing On?” on YouTube [HERE](#).

“**Is This Thing On?**” is a haunting, soul-stirring blend of soul, Americana, blues, and folk — gritty, intimate, and emotionally charged. Built around beautifully arranged acoustic guitar, sweeping strings, and a raw, magnetic vocal performance, the song lays bare the vulnerability of sending art out into the world: exposed, unguarded, and searching for connection. It captures the quiet fear that, after pouring your heart and soul into something, no one may be listening.

The single’s minimalist arrangement gives the song room to breathe, allowing the listener to fully absorb its storytelling and emotional weight. It stands as one of Bywater Call’s most powerful musical statements to date, offering a compelling glimpse of the depth, maturity, and artistry that define their forthcoming album, ***Broken Souvenirs***.

“**Is This Thing On?**” has already become a fan favourite at live shows, inspiring a call and response between the band and the audience.



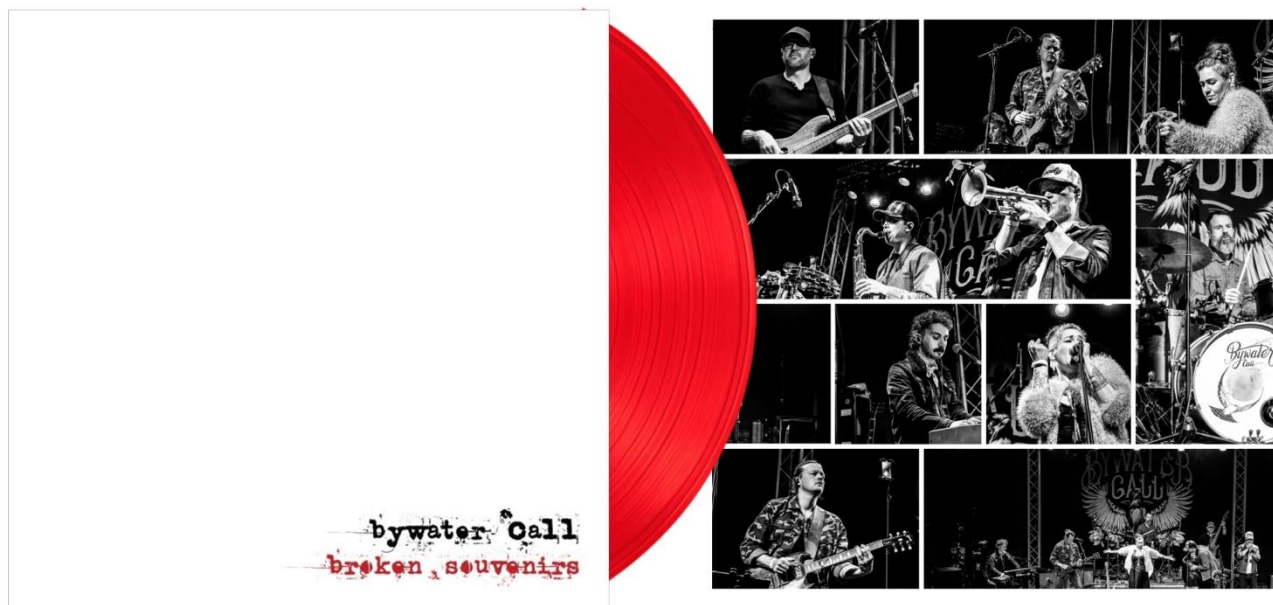
Photo by Paul May

Drawing inspiration from the raw storytelling of Shakey Graves, Sierra Ferrell, Brandi Carlile, and Jason Isbell, “**Is This Thing On?**” sits firmly within the emotional landscape of ***Broken Souvenirs***. Rich in atmosphere and detail, the song places storytelling at its core, painting vivid scenes that invite listeners to step inside its world and carry its imagery long after the final note fades.

The song reflects Bywater Call's commitment to blending timeless influences with fresh, contemporary sounds, while continuing to define a musical space entirely their own. That spirit of evolution and experimentation runs through *Broken Souvenirs*, capturing the emotional intensity, musicianship, and driving Bywater Call's energy and conviction that fans have come to love.

"Is This Thing On?" was recorded at **Palace Studios** in Toronto, mixed by **Patric McGroarty**, and mastered by **Kristian Montano** of **Montano Mastering**. The official video for the single was choreographed and directed by **Chelsea Preston** and filmed by **Badee Mirkham**.

*Broken Souvenirs* delivers a captivating 11-song collection that captures Bywater Call at their most versatile, adventurous, and emotionally charged. Expanding beyond the boundaries of genre, the album deepens the band's distinctive voice while embracing a bold, wide-ranging sound. Drawing on influences from Black Pumas, Alabama Shakes, Amy Winehouse, Shakey Graves, The Black Crowes and more, *Broken Souvenirs* moves effortlessly from feel-good retro soul and intimate acoustic moments to driving contemporary R&B, creating a rich, dynamic journey from start to finish.



Photos by Marty Moffatt

*"One of My Favorite Bands... Meghan Parnell does a hell of a job. Put them in your playlist. Embrace it. Get the name out there"* – Joe Bonamassa, Different Shades of Blues, SiriusXM

*"Bywater Call's sound is a band who knows exactly who they are. If this is where 2026 is heading for them, then pour another bourbon, hit repeat, and settle in."* – Rock the Joint

*"Singer Meghan Parnell must be one of our favourite new voices (like Canada's answer to Susan Tedeschi). She is in sublime form. Smooth, slow-burning mix of modern soul and emotional nuance"* – Classic Rock

Renowned for transcending genre boundaries, Bywater Call has built a reputation for electrifying, emotionally charged live performances driven by powerhouse vocals and thrilling interplay between all seven band members. In early 2026, the band earned their third consecutive **UK Blues Awards** nomination for "**International Act of the Year**", following previous nominations in 2025 and 2024.

**Classic Rock** made Bywater Call's 2024 studio album *Shepherd* their "**Blues Album of the Month**" and said it was "an inventive and uncommonly catchy record. the sense of a band on the brink is unmistakable." *Shepherd* was also voted "**Top Blues Album of the Year**" in Classic Rock's year-end round-up.

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## 2026 & 2027 TOUR DATES



27 Jan 2027 | Faversham, UK – The Old Brewery Store

[Tickets](#)

28 Jan 2027 | Southampton, UK – The Brook

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30 Jan 2027 | Exeter, UK – Phoenix

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## **2026 TOUR DATES**

**Tickets:** [www.bywatercall.com](http://www.bywatercall.com)

**\*\*More dates to be announced**

### **U.S. / CANADA 2026**

Jun 27 Winter Park, CO, USA – Blues from the Top

Jun 30 Ridgefield, CT, USA – CHIRP 2026

Jul 1 Londonderry, NH, USA – Concerts on the Common

Jul 2 Saratoga Springs, NY, USA – The Parting Glass

Jul 3 Hawley, PA, USA – Harmony in the Woods

Jul 7 Gravenhurst, ON, Canada – Peter’s Players Cruise

Jul 8 Mont Tremblant, QC, Canada – Mont Tremblant International Blues Festival

Jul 11 Kincardine, ON, Canada – Lighthouse Blues Festival

\*Jul 12 Sherman, NY, USA – Pine Junction

\*Jul 13 Warrendale, PA, USA – Jergel’s

Jul 14 Columbia, MD, USA – Collective Encore

\*Jul 15 Ardmore, PA, USA – Ardmore Hall

Jul 17 Moscow, ID, USA – Rendezvous in the Park

Jul 18 Nine Mile Falls, WA, USA – Live at Andres

Jul 19 Winthrop, WA, USA – Winthrop Rhythm and Blues Festival

Jul 23 Thomas, WV, USA – Purple Fiddle

Jul 24 Lawrenceburg, IN, USA – Whiskey City’s Liberty Theatre

Jul 25 Waterville, OH, USA – Blues, Brews & Brats

Jul 30 Terre Haute, IN, USA – Terre Haute Brewing

^Jul 31 Des Plaines, IL, USA – Rivers Casino

Aug 1 Erie, PA, USA – Erie Jazz & Blues Festival

Aug 13 Saranac Lake, NY, USA – The Waterhole

Aug 14 Putney, VT, USA – Bandwagon Series

Aug 15 New York, NY, USA – Hudson River Blues Festival

Aug 16 Homer, NY, USA – Homer Centre for the Arts

Aug 17 Lima, NY, USA – Fanatics

Aug 21 Dayton, OH, USA – Levitt Pavillion

Aug 22 Westland, MI, USA – Token Lounge

Aug 24 Evanston, IL, USA – SPACE

Aug 26 Lincoln, NE, USA – Zoo Bar

Aug 27 Omaha, NE, USA – The B. Bar

Aug 28 Paola, KS, USA – Paola Roots Festival

Aug 29 West Plains, MO, USA – Shenanigan’s

Aug 30 Evansville, IN, USA – Mojo’s Boneyard  
Sep 3 St Catharine’s, ON, Canada – Warehouse Concert Hall  
Sep 5 Midland, ON, Canada – Midland Cultural Centre  
Sep 6 Etwell, ON, Canada – Etwell Concert Series  
Sep 12 Hamilton, ON, Canada – Mills Hardware  
Sep 13 Guelph, ON, Canada – Sonic Hall  
^Sep 15 Ottawa, ON, Canada – History  
Sep 16 Fredericton, NB, Canada – Harvest Music Festival  
Sep 23 Burlington, VT, USA – Higher Ground  
Sep 24 Belleville, ON, Canada – Southside Productions  
Sep 25 Palmer Rapids, ON, Canada – Highlands Festival  
Sep 27 Morrisburg, ON, Canada – Harmony Concerts  
Oct 13 Scarborough, ME, USA – Brickhouse  
Oct 14 Portsmouth, NH, USA – Jimmy’s Jazz and Blues~  
Oct 15 Northampton, MA, USA – Iron Horse  
Oct 16 Plymouth, MA, USA – Spire Centre  
Oct 17 Shirley, MA, USA – Bull Run  
Oct 18 Pawling, NY, USA – Daryl’s House  
Oct 20 New York, NY, USA – Bleeker Bell  
Oct 21 Sellersville, PA, USA – Sellersville Theatre  
Oct 22 Elkton, MD, USA – Elkton Music Hall  
Oct 23 Jim Thorpe, PA, USA – Mauch Chunk Opera House  
#Oct 28 Albuquerque, NM, USA – KiMo Theatre  
#Oct 29 Flagstaff, AZ, USA – Orpheum Theatre  
#Oct 30 Phoenix, AZ, USA – Celebrity Theatre  
#Nov 1 Tucson, AZ, USA – Rialto Theatre  
#Nov 3 Grand Junction, CO, USA – Mesa Theatre  
#Nov 5 Colorado Springs, CO, USA – Phil Long Music Hall  
#Nov 6 Ft Collins, CO, USA – Aggie Theatre  
#Nov 7 Boulder, CO, USA – Boulder Theatre  
Nov 20 Westport, ON, Canada – Cove Inn

\*Supporting Robert Jon & The Wreck

^Supporting Blackberry Smoke

#Supporting Joanne Shaw Taylor

## **EU / U.K. 2026**

22 Jan 2027 | Den Haag, NL – Paard  
23 Jan 2027 | Utrecht, NL – Tivoli  
24 Jan 2027 | Bonn, DE – Harmonie  
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## **U.S. 2027**

Apr 10 | Tampa Bay, FL, USA – Tampa Bay Blues Festival  
Apr 11 | Miramar Beach, FL, USA – Soundwave Festival

## **About Bywater Call**

Often transcending genres, Bywater Call is known for their dynamic, emotional live shows, featuring powerful vocals and exciting interplay between all band members. A powerhouse seven-piece Southern soul, roots rock outfit from Toronto, Canada; the band is comprised of Meghan Parnell (vocals), Dave Barnes (guitar), Bruce McCarthy (drums), Mike Meusel (bass), Andrew Moljgun (keys), Stephen Dyte (trumpet), and Julian Nalli (tenor sax).

In March, Bywater Call played their third Joe Bonamassa “Keeping the Blues Alive” cruise, featuring headliners Beth Hart and Los Lonely Boys. During the cruise, Bywater Call played multiple sets and shared the stage with the likes of Tommy Emmanuel, Ruthie Foster, D.K. Harrell, Lachy Doley, and many more.

Bywater Call was nominated for the “2025 UK Blues Award” for “International Blues Artist of the Year” for the third consecutive year, alongside artists including Beth Hart and Walter Trout. The band has also received multiple Independent “Blues and Canadian Maple Blues Award” nominations including “Entertainer,” “Electric Act,” and “Best Female Vocalist” at the 2024 Awards Season.

In 2025, they played the Netherland’s BOSPOP Festival alongside the likes of the Black Keys, Warren Haynes Band, Marcus King, and Blackberry Smoke.

The band has opened for Canadian award-winning musicians Whitehorse and Tom Cochrane, and singer Meghan has joined renowned pedal-steel guitarist Robert Randolph on stage at his request.

Their studio album *Shepherd* was selected as the Blues Album of the Year by UK’s Classic Rock Magazine. Band leaders Meghan Parnell and Dave Barnes were featured on the cover of Blues in Britain in January of 2025. Their 2025 live album *Sunshine* was released in August 2025 to rave reviews.

## **BYWATER CALL**

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