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**Stacia Thiel** is an insatiable analyzer of human quirks, twists of fate, and idiosyncrasies. Through searing vocal lines, captivating melodies, and sharp witted lyrics she explores the raw emotions that connect us all in her debut solo album ***Straight to the Middle***.

Americana, alt. country, singer-songwriter **Stacia Thiel** is a classically trained opera singer, born and raised in rural Wisconsin on an eclectic mix of Dixieland Jazz, 70's rock, and Barbershop harmonies. "Whether perched on my rooftop as a teen or outside on my fire escape in NYC's Hell's Kitchen," says **Stacia**, "I've always sought out a space where I can explore the world through songwriting."



After a move from New York City to the suburbs of NJ, **Stacia** found herself writing at the kitchen table, late at night against the sweet silence of suburbia. As the songs accumulated, she longed to cut a solo record. A chance meeting led her to producer **Scott E. Moore** and a dream team was assembled to record at **Kaleidoscope Sound** including; **Dan Rieser** (Norah Jones 'Come Away with Me') and **Kim Rosen** (Aimee Mann 'Mental Illness').

The title track is a fictionalized exchange between two lovers, inspired by a couple arguing outside a NYC coffeeshop where **Stacia** was sipping her morning cup from behind a picture window. It is also a metaphor for the record itself. The songs on ***Straight to the Middle*** delve into the vulnerabilities and complexities of life, love and the human experience. "Making this record meant wading into uncharted waters for me," says **Stacia**, "and having a willingness to delve into the deep, sometimes murky unknown in pursuit of emotional authenticity and expression."

### CHARTS

- **Sunny Days** reached #9 on Roots Top 50 Americana Country Songs
- ***Straight to the Middle*** reached #15 on Roots Top 50 Americana Country Albums

### FOCUS TRACKS

- #1. Sunny Days
- #2. Silly Writer
- #5. Straight to the Middle
- #9. Stay Stars

### AVAILABLE

Spotify, itunes, CD Baby and Google Play

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\*All music & lyrics by Stacia Thiel

### SOCIAL MEDIA

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## Biography

Born into a family of musicians in rural Wisconsin, **Stacia Thiel** spent her life immersed in a rich array of musical sounds and styles among the backdrop of fields and farmland. Dixieland Jazz, Gospel, Barbershop harmonies and 60's singles filled her childhood home. The one constant in **Stacia's** eclectic world of music has been her unwavering love for and commitment to songwriting.

At age 16 she picked up her father's acoustic guitar and began to write what would be the first in an extensive catalog of original songs spanning decades.

**Stacia** earned her masters degree in opera performance from Washington University in St. Louis while frequently making the five hour trek to Nashville to record demos of original songs with session players and bandmates.

A move to New York City to study voice with vocal pedagogue Cornelius Reid led to countless adventures creatively and personally. Marriage, motherhood, and ultimately a move to the burbs followed. All along the way **Stacia** has continued to write, express and explore her world and the world around her through songwriting.

Depending on the eve, **Stacia** can be found performing the vocally demanding soprano solo in Samuel Barber's 'Knoxville Summer of 1915' with full orchestra or kicking off her solo record release with a live concert at the Montclair Social Club in New Jersey. "If a piece of music moves me I've never been concerned with what box it fits into or what genre it is," explains **Stacia**.

**Stacia** also holds a masters degree in social work and performs frequently in support of organizations and causes she feels passionate about. Most recently she was the featured musical artist for the annual FSL: SAVE (*Sexual Assault and Violence Education*) of Essex County, NJ fundraiser as well as the guest performer for a gala event in support of *Unitas (united to fight against human trafficking)* in NYC.

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