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Maria and the Coins Release New Album 'Forward'

Minneapolis, MN - Maria and the Coins are thrilled to announce the release of their latest album *Forward*, now available everywhere.

Forward is the first full-length album from the Minneapolis-based indie band, led by singer-songwriter Maria Coyne. Coyne's pop, country, and even musical theatre influences are carefully crafted with alt-rock arrangements that create a fluid aesthetic throughout the album. Following a successful crowdfunding campaign, Maria and the Coins celebrated the release of *Forward* with a packed show at 7th St Entry on March 4th alongside Jillian Rae and Emily Haavik.

The one-word title for the album holds dear meaning for Coyne who was diagnosed with Lupus during her freshman year of college. Choosing to move forward became her motto for dealing with both the physical and emotional struggles of her immune disorder, but quickly turned into her approach in all aspects of her life which is evident on each of the ten tracks. From finding new love to struggles with mental health, each song captures a specific moment where there was a choice to be made: giving up or beginning again, drowning in the darkness or choosing the light, standing still or moving forward.

Maria and the Coins bundle big-picture pop ambition into earnest, indie sensibility. The fivesome distinguished themselves in the Minneapolis alt-rock scene by fusing singer-songwriter driven pop hooks with the vulnerability and honesty of an indie band. Their music has been featured on various stations around central Minnesota including The Current, KFAI, Jazz88, and KBEK. The band has opened for local and touring artists, including Jeremy Messersmith, Betty Who, Delacey, Whitney Rose, and Reina del Cid.

Forward is now streaming on all platforms and available for purchase on CD and digitally at www.mariaandthecoins.com.

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