

# THE WINTER BLANKET

## "GOLDEN SUN"

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Bigger guitars, bolder vocals, rolling drums, and shimmering keyboards. This is The Winter Blanket. The band that built its sound on hushed melodies has turned a corner with its fourth release, *Golden Sun*. Shedding any apprehension about embracing influences, they've surrendered some of the quiet aesthetic in favor of a Les Paul and a fuzz box. The updated sound resides in the sonic framework of Pedro the Lion's *Winners Never Quit* and Neil Young's *On the Beach*. A comfortable mix of old and new, *Golden Sun* pairs the sound of 70s FM-radio rock with the delicate, Sparhawkian sound The Winter Blanket has always championed.

Recorded in Minneapolis and Chicago in 2005, *Golden Sun* was shaped in part by working with producer Brian Deck (Iron & Wine, Modest Mouse) at Engine Studios. The creative transition that began with the band's previous effort, *Prescription Perils*, continued under his influence. He pressed the band to broaden their sonic palette. The result is a band fully immersed in the process of redefining themselves artistically.

*Golden Sun* is a bookend to one era of The Winter Blanket as it transitions into another. As mixing wrapped on the record, songwriters Stephanie Davila and Doug Miller made the tough decision to part ways with founding members Paul Blomquist and Kim Murray due to the 361 miles between them. Two fellow Minnesotans were recruited to takeover. Drummer and Casio specialist Todd Hansen arrived first. Hansen then recruited close friend David Campbell who juggles bass, keyboards and vocal duties. Both were anxious to get back to the creative side of things after running a local indie label.

The new lineup has allowed the band to redevelop older material for the stage and continue the creative growth fostered under Deck. Exciting times are ahead for The Winter Blanket. New band mates have helped infuse the band with a re-born passion for their art. 2006-2007 sees the band touring in support of *Golden Sun*, writing, and returning to the studio to begin working on their next full length. Stay tuned...



(L to R) Doug Miller, Todd Hansen, Stephanie Davila and David Campbell. Photo by Beth Wargo.

### RECOMMENDED FOR FANS OF

Wilco, Gillian Welch, Sun Kil Moon, Cat Power

### TOURED WITH

Low, Richard Buckner, Magnolia Electric Co. and Idaho

### PLAYED WITH

M. Ward, Crooked Fingers, Mary Timony, Head of Femur, Shelley Short, Norfolk and Western, Q and Not U

### PRESS

"Gentle, moody music that goes well with last-call drinks on chilly nights." — *Washington Post*

"It's not that their music is cold, but it does have a refreshing crispness and iciness of intent." — *The Onion*

"This is a gorgeous record, one with the intent and ability to speak directly to the heart." — *Lost at Sea*

"This is lovely downbeat stuff, delicate but forceful."  
— *Americana UK*



### TRACK LISTING

1. Sleepy Eyes
2. Cold
3. Neil Young Blues
4. Leaving Card
5. Sink or Swim
6. Golden Sun

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