

# NewFire



“I have never been so sure of what Jonathan and I are called by God to do, both individually and as a couple,” says Allison Firey, one half of the Tulsa, OK based NewFire. The duo is embarking on an entirely new journey in life with their autonomous sophomore record. Marriage, a family music store, recording, touring, and ministry all enjoy a part in this adventure and the future has rarely shone so brightly.

Steeped in acoustic pop sensibilities, NewFire gleans contemporary vocal arrangements alongside elements of Bluegrass, Folk, and Adult Contemporary music. Topped off by worshipful melodies and poetic lyrics the couples organic sound is comfortably familiar, like a quiet evening with family or close friends. “I am a country boy from Oklahoma—so that comes out in my music,” begins NewFire’s other half, Jonathan Firey. “I believe that what we are putting out has a fresh sound with new ideas musically. We are covering ground that has not been touched.”

The band’s self-titled sophomore record features electric guitars bubbling under the worshipful vocal work of Jonathan and Allison, a facet absent from their debut *Almost Home*. “I have played every style of music you can name, and I enjoy different music,” states Jonathan, “but when it came to this album, I wanted to release control and follow a new path. I am proud of the outcome and glad that I tried some new sounds.” Upon that release NewFire’s sound has become more welcoming than ever and is sure to attract the attention of a wider audience.

Aside from NewFire the husband and wife team are well established in their respective fields. Jonathan Firey is an experienced singer, songwriter, and guitarist. He has released a number of well-received instrumental albums including *Prayerful Moods* for Madacy Entertainment and siblings *An Acoustic Wedding* and *The Acoustic Christmas Album* for Tonebox Records. The former was additionally named one of Rhapsody Music’s Top 20 selling albums in the Instrumental Music category. As you have suspected, he has toured and recorded with some of CCM’s most popular artists. After joining with renowned worship leader Dennis Jernigan, Jonathan set sail with FFH, with whom he toured for 3 years. “I learned a lot during this time about the balance between ministry and entertainment,” he says, “I think you have to have both but it’s easy to go too far either way. It’s about being sensitive to and meeting the needs of the people you are in front of.”

Meanwhile, Allison Firey is an accomplished vocalist and actress who has performed with numerous touring companies, dinner theaters, and summer stocks for much of the last decade. As if these things haven’t kept them busy enough, the Firey’s recently took over Firey Music Company, their family-owned music store, in Tulsa as well.

While their personal accomplishments and beautiful music may be what initially catches your attention, the Firey’s hope it is their heart that keeps it. “When we go out to minister, we often share what we are going through personally so that others might not feel alone in their struggles,” relates Allison. “As a married couple, we see it all with each other. We’re there for every illness, every joy, every heartbreak—this gives us a lot to share with others.”

In an age when it’s easier than ever to get lost in the complexities of life, NewFire stay focused, simply and prayerfully hoping that their music finds its way to the people who need it. “In every situation we walk into there are people who are hurting, people that need something” they say “We hope that we can meet those needs in some way. We hope we can encourage them, let them know that there’s always going to be a morning. That’s what NewFire is all about.”