

Album fact sheet

Artist: The Menards

Album title: *All by Heart*

Release date: Saturday, January 3

Genre: Americana, roots, folk, blues

Format: Digital streaming, Bandcamp

Location: Chicago, IL



Album overview

All by Heart is a ten-track Americana album built on real stories and lived-in songwriting. The songs travel through tender love, breakups, barrooms, backroads, bluesy reflection and moonlit mischief, blending roots-driven arrangements with emotional honesty and melodic warmth.

Recorded live during a long, sweltering June weekend in 2025 at Tim Menard and Cathie Van Wert's Chicago home, the album captures an intimate, organic band-in-a-room sound. The sessions were recorded and engineered live by bassist Michael Krayniak, then mixed and mastered by John Abbey at The Garage in Chicago.

Suggested focus tracks

- **Whistle, Be On My Way** – upbeat, melodic folk-Americana with broad AAA appeal
- **All by Heart** – warm, mid-tempo roots track with strong lyrical storytelling
- **My Life** – gritty, blues-soaked reflection with emotional depth

Track list

1. All by Heart
2. Autumn Skyline
3. Make Me a Train
4. My Life
5. Lost in New Orleans
6. I'm Through With Lovin' You
7. Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues (Danny O'Keefe)
8. Shameless by the Moonlight
9. Another Glass of Wine
10. Whistle, Be On My Way

Band members

- Tim Menard — vocals, rhythm guitar, harmonica
- Paul Bivans — drums
- Michael Krayniak — bass, vocals
- Jim O'Donnell — electric guitar
- Gabriel Stutz — pedal steel guitar
- Cathie Van Wert — fiddle, vocals

Production credits

Produced by Tim Menard and Cathie Van Wert
Recorded and engineered live by Michael Krayniak
Mixed and mastered by John Abbey, The Garage (Chicago)
Design by Cathie Van Wert, DoubleTake Design
Photography by Cathie Van Wert and Bruce Unruh

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Americana, roots, and AAA listeners who appreciate strong songwriting, organic recordings, and narrative-driven songs

Contact and links

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