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Lisa Bouchelle keeps her ‘eyes on the prize’ with tenacious new single “Game To Play”; “Vandals, Thieves & Lovers” to come

August 7, 2026 – **Lisa Bouchelle** shares her new single “**Game To Play**,” the next offering from her upcoming album **Vandals, Thieves & Lovers**, out September 4. Featuring guitar work from **Clay Cook** (Zac Brown Band) along with fiddle player **Tim Carbone** (Railroad Earth), the driving song is an ode to perseverance, even when the road gets a bit tough.

Bouchelle on the new single: “‘Game To Play’ was written on an early rainy morning after a late gig and after-party. It’s about getting out there and keepin’ at it, even when you might be tired, weary, disillusioned, and tapped out. While it uses a sports metaphor, it really applies to any endeavor in life. Sometimes you have to dig down deep, summon your inner strength, and do your thing! I am a very driven person by nature, and I chase down and live my dreams with a lot of tenacity and vigor, but some days are not as easy as others. Some days it’s just about ‘showing up.’ And this song says it all: ‘I’ve got a game to play!’”

“Game To Play” follows the Amanda Shires and Larry Campbell collab “A Light To Come Home To” as well as the Waddy Wachtel-assisted “Vandal” and “Make This World Stand Still”, which also features Shires. Boasting an array of special guests and collaborators, Vandals, Thieves & Lovers finds the New Jersey singer-songwriter grappling with the full spectrum of the human experience, balancing darkness and light as she navigates love, loss and libera-



tion. For her latest body of work, Bouchelle wanted to embrace a collaborative spirit – also inviting all-star players like renowned saxophonist Jake Clemons (E Street Band), pedal steel virtuoso Doyle Grisham (Jimmy Buffett), drummer Rich Scannella (Tonic) and bassist Hal B. Selzer (Joan Jett) to join these sessions. The album draws on folk, country, rock, blues, gospel, soul and funk as it weaves together the disparate threads of American roots music into a captivating, cohesive whole. Add it all up and

you’ve got a timeless work that’s as indebted to Laurel Canyon and Bakersfield as Memphis and Motown, a revelatory exploration of survival and resilience that showcases just how far Bouchelle has come, and where she’s headed.

A relentless road warrior, she has sung backup for Bruce Springsteen, dueted in concert with Jon Bon Jovi and shared bills with

the likes of The Wallflowers, Train, Blues Traveler, Bryan Adams, Shooter Jennings and Steve Miller, among others. Now with Vandals, Thieves & Lovers, the spotlight remains firmly fixed on Bouchelle throughout these songs, with arrangements centered around her evocative vocals and infectiously rhythmic guitar work.

Vandals, Thieves & Lovers:

1. A Light To Come Home To (feat. Amanda Shires & Larry Campbell)
2. Make This World Stand Still (feat. Amanda Shires)
3. Vandal (feat. Waddy Wachtel)
4. Game To Play
5. Lighten Up Mozart
6. Wild Again (feat. Jake Clemons)
7. 1 Thang
8. Retro Sister
9. Skeleton Krewe (feat.

- Amanda Shires)
10. Sharing Secrets With A Bird
 11. Buzzkill
 12. What Gets You High

Digital Bonus Tracks:

13. Touch [Acoustic] (feat. Amanda Shires)
14. Vandal [Acoustic] (feat. Waddy Wachtel)

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ing favorites such as the Gentle Giant, a towering 105-foot Ferris wheel, multiple roller coasters, and the popular Sky Ride, which debuted at the Fair in 2025. The midway is designed with families in mind, featuring two distinct ride areas. Kiddieland, located near the Green Gate, offers rides for younger children in a shaded setting with ample seating for parents. Thrill rides for teens and adults are located on the north side of the fairgrounds. Celebrating its 130th year of operation, Reithoffer Shows is the longest continuously operating traveling amusement company in North America. The company

provides attractions for approximately 50 events across 16 states each year. The 2026 Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair, Tennessee’s largest annual fair, will be held August 13-22 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center, 945 E. Baddour Parkway in Lebanon, Tennessee. This year’s Fair theme is “TN Voices and Volunteers Celebrating America 250.” The agriculture commodity promotion focus is the Year of Forestry. Located just north of Interstate 40, the Fair is expected to welcome more than 800,000 visitors during its 10-day run.

Brandy returns to Lifetime movie “Christmas Everyday Again”... from sports-Ent. 6

must decide whether she's willing to let go of the past before it costs her the future she's always dreamed of. Also returning to reprise their roles are **Kajuana S. Marie** as Deena, **Journey Carter** as Tia, **Jeffrey Bowyer-Chapman** as Germaine, and **Lamman Rucker** as Richard. **Gregory Alan Williams** joins the cast as Earl. **Christmas Everyday Again** is produced by FOX Entertainment Studios (FES), Relevé Entertainment, and Motion Entertainment, A WPP Media Company, for Lifetime. Executive producers are Brandy Norwood, Dr. Holly Carter, Ryan Ramsey and Stella Bulochnikov; Fernando Szew, Hannah Pillemmer, Larry Grimaldi, and Adam Shepard for FES; Chet Fenster for Motion Entertainment; and Brie Miranda Bryant. Keesha Brickhouse and Angela Shin produce. Roger Bobb returns to direct, reuniting with writer Meg DeLoatch. FOX

Entertainment Global will distribute the film internationally.

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