

**Album:** *self-titled*  
**Label:** Mono vs. Stereo  
**Release Date:** October 11, 2011  
**Members:** Wes Blaylock, vocals/keys; Laura Blaylock, keys/synth;  
 Wes Saunders, drums; Andy Moore, guitar; Justin Froning, bass  
 RIVL: Lydia, Easley

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# DEAS VAIL

**"These songs just have their own identity. I do not necessarily believe that they go with one another. Some of them do, but not always," says Wes Blaylock, the vocalist and keyboardist of Deas Vail.**

Their new self-titled album, which comes out October 11th, is a wonderfully constructed album primarily about hope, summer and love. The new tracks are easily relatable, passionate and have such a positive message to them. "I'm married and I'm super happy. I have been fortunate with that and I think that inspired me with a couple of songs on this album.

"Married life is just absolutely amazing. I advise it for everyone. It's wonderful and I believe she is a huge reason for why I write," Wes happily explains. Laura Blaylock, the other original band member, met Wes in college and dated for three years (while touring, I might add), before getting married. He admits that it's not hard to define the line of wife and bandmate, but dating life was not so simple. "It was harder (then), because things were just so up in the air, as relationships usually are. And when you're on tour and can't really get away from each other, sometimes you just have to let it out and make it home."

Since the new album speaks of self and relationships, I asked Wes if he had any advice to offer. When it comes to relationships, he says just to talk to someone. It doesn't have to be a counselor or anything big. Just speak to someone that you trust. When it comes to life advice, Wes describes that it's all about slowing down. "It's good to get stuff done and it's good to be productive. But you need a balance. You need to balance productivity with 'me' time, down time. It just depends on where you are in life."

Wes and the rest of the band worked very hard, focusing on getting out a well-crafted and creative album that they're proud of. As things always come up, something came up and pushed back the album release date, but at the same time it created opportunities for itself. "Sony Red is picking up the distribution on this project and when we all celebrated, they told us they wanted to push back the date so they could have more time with what they needed to do. That is why things have been going a little slower, because a bigger player has jumped on board." So even though this put a damper on the kick-off date, Wes is still excited about this album, because they will be able to get their music out and heard by more

people than they would have otherwise. "So, I think in the long run, it will be well worth it."

"The biggest compliment we receive as a band is when we hear that our music is being shared with others. It is so awesome," Wes giddily explains. Deas Vail not only tries to inform fans what's going on in their world via multiple social media websites, but also intimately connects with them. Justin Froning (bass) and Andy Moore (guitar) are more of the tech-savvy people in the band, but they all collectively reply to fans on websites like Twitter and Facebook. It's amazing to see a band so dedicated, not only with their musical talents but also with their relational statuses with others.

Check out new videos, upcoming tour dates and keep up with the band at [deasvail.com](http://deasvail.com) and make sure you get ready for their self-titled album coming out October 11th.