

Has It Been A While?



Trust Fund

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DESCRIPTION

Trust Fund, the musical project of singer-songwriter **Ellis Jones**, returns with a fifth album, *Has It Been A While?*, recorded in Sheffield by producer and close friend **Joe Mackenzie Todd**. Fans of Jones' delicate, funny, relatable songwriting will know that yes, it has been a while. The 2018 LP *Bringing the Backline* – which received praise from **Pitchfork**, **Rolling Stone**, **The Guardian**, and more – coincided with Jones calling time on Trust Fund, as band members began their own families, and he moved to Norway (and then on to Canada) to begin a career in academia. His return reflects a realization that his music-making days continue to stretch out before him, and marks the development of a mature style that offers both continuity and change. While previous Trust Fund albums have foregrounded a fuzzy, indie-rock aesthetic, on *Has It Been A While?* Jones strips his songs down to classical guitar and vocals, supported by captivating string quartet arrangements provided by **Maria Grig**. Fans of seventies singer-songwriters, and in particular **Nick Drake**'s first two **Joe Boyd**-produced albums, will find much to recommend here, while **Belle** and **Sebastian**'s early folk-inflected material is another obvious touchstone. Elsewhere on the record, the title track itself evokes both the spirit and simplicity of **Chet Baker**'s "I Get Along Without You Very Well." *Has It Been A While?* marks the culmination of Trust Fund's return to activity, following the low-key release of five single tracks across 2022 and 2023.

TRACKLISTING

01. Leaving The Party Early
02. The Mirror
03. This Life
04. Curtis
05. A Wooden Medal
06. Until Now
07. The Hinterland
08. In The Air
09. I Look For Him
10. New University
11. Has It Been A While
12. One Calendar Year

HIGHLIGHTS

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