

CLARA WAIDLEY - MINI BIO

Clara Waidley is a singer-songwriter living in Savannah, Georgia, but her music spans coast to coast; the young surfer frequently travels, taking her guitar with her for busking on the road. Her album "summer forever" will be released in 2023 by E. Broad Records, and soon Clara will be touring for the first time, trading busking in town squares for performing in venues across the country.

Clara began learning guitar in her childhood bedroom with the intention to learn Taylor Swift songs, but inspired to write her own music after listening to her parent's folk records. Her love for music became more insistent in college; between class and college basketball, Clara found time to record original songs, even teaching herself to play drums. Eventually, these recordings became her debut album, "talks with luna."

Clara's relationship with music completely changed later that year thanks to a surfing road trip with her sister. As they drove across the country chasing the waves, she was inspired to perform the music she'd been working on and began busking as they passed through different cities. Clara also found a global community for her music online. On her sun-soaked TikTok account, Clara plays original music on the beach after surfing and shares updates about her upcoming album for 138.5k followers.

Clara's sophomore album, "summer forever" was produced by Annie Leeth and recorded at Chase Park Transduction and Leeth's private studio in Athens, GA. Collaboration with Annie was a natural fit; according to Clara, "we were on the same page sonically. 'Dreamy, acoustic, alternative, grunge,' those words were in my head." Grammy-nominated musician, songwriter, and producer Andrew Sovine also contributed to the album, and these collaborations helped to realize the sound Clara was always striving for. "Everything is exactly how I envisioned it to be," she says. "Some of the songs we made were really pretty because my voice is softer, but all of the sudden there's some grunge guitar thrown in there and it's such a cool contrast."

Also at play in "summer forever" is Clara's knack for storytelling. "I like making up stories. I'm someone who loves feeling like I'm in the song, and I feel like people can live through these stories. These worlds could be fun to experience."

Connect with Clara Waidley on her TikTok channel @barefootgurlz and on Instagram @clarawaidley. Albums, merch, and tour information can be found at clarawaidley.com.