



ARTICLES NEWS

Grace Potter and the Nocturnals Album, Tour

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Grace Potter & the Nocturnals will be on the road for most of the summer, starting May 17 in Northampton and running through August 19 in Burlington, Vermont (with a series of breaks sprinkled in between). The tour is to warm American audiences up for the August 7 release of their third album (and first for Hollywood Records), *This Is Somewhere*, co-produced by the band and ex-Whiskeytown guitarist Mike Daly.

The group: vocalist Potter, guitarist Scott Tournet, bassist Bryan Dondero and drummer Matt Burr. The Vermont quartet has spent the past few years building a diehard following on the strength of their hotwired live show as well as the critical kudos for their previous two albums, and Potter's vocals have notched comparisons to Janis Joplin, Lucinda Williams and Norah Jones (now THERE is a triple punch).

Let's see what the band's label has to say about the new album:

Among the album's many highlights is lead single "Ah Mary," with its languid verses exploding into arena-scaled choruses in what is clearly a call to action. This heart-pumping rocker sets the stage for a dynamic

song cycle that encompasses “Stop the Bus,” a churning anthem that recalls Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers circa *Damn the Torpedoes*; the love-as-war lament “Apologies”; the paeon to a battered New Orleans, “Ain’t No Time”; the soulful, horn-accented “Mastermind”; and the concluding stunner “Big White Gate.” Potter’s timely and eloquent songs, some of them intensely personal, others politically charged, immediately lodge themselves in the listener’s head and bore in deeper with each successive play.

Meanwhile, watch for a review of the album in the July issue of HARP, due out in (duh) July!

Grace Potter & the Nocturnals Tour Dates:

May 17 Northampton, MA Iron Horse Music Hall

May 18 Baltimore, MD 8x10

May 19 Falls Church, VA State Theatre

May 22 New York, NY Mercury Lounge

May 23 New York, NY Joe’s Pub

May 25 Lebanon, NH Lebanon Opera House

May 26 Boston, MA WBOS Earthfest

May 27 Juneau, AK Juneau Jazz and Classics

June 1 Philadelphia, PA Tin Angel

June 2 Floyd, VA Sun Music Hall

June 5 Pittsburgh, PA Three Rivers Arts Festival

June 6 Cincinnati, OH 20th Century Theatre

June 7 Indianapolis, IN Birdy’s

June 9 Lawrence, KS Wakarusa Festival

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June 14 Madison, WI University of WI

June 15 Milwaukee, WI Shank Hall

June 16 Minneapolis, MN Varsity Theatre

June 17 Chicago, IL Taste of Randolph

July 5 Buffalo, NY Lafayette Square

July 13 Redding, PA Bandshell Concert Series

July 14 Masontown, WV All Good Music Festival

July 18 Sandwich, MA Heritage Museums and Gardens

July 24 Niantic, CT Cookin at McCooks

July 28 Niigata, Japan Fuji Rock Festival 2007

August 4 Newport, RI Dunkin Donuts Newport Folk Fest

August 17 Lyons, CO Rocky Mtn Folks Festival

August 18 Portland, ME Baystock Festival

August 19 Burlington, VT Lake Champlain Maritime Festival

Sept 14 Telluride, CO Telluride Blues & Brews Fest

FYI, Grace Potter & The Nocturnals have also been added to the names playing the July 28th Fuji Rock Festival in Japan; the lineup includes Lily Allen, Iggy Pop, The Shins and many more. More dates t.b.a.