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**STEVE EARLE & THE DUKES TAKE HOME BLUES BLAST MUSIC  
AWARD FOR ACOUSTIC BLUES ALBUM FOR *TERRAPLANE***

**RETURNS TO HARDLY STRICTLY BLUEGRASS THIS WEEKEND,  
EUROPEAN TOUR THIS FALL**

Los Angeles, CA, September 29, 2015 – **Steve Earle & The Dukes** took home the **Blues Blast Music Award** for **Acoustic Blues Album** for *Terraplane*, Earle's first full foray into the blues. The Blues Blast Music Awards, which took place this past Saturday, September 26 in Champaign, Ill., are presented by **Blues Blast Magazine** and voted on by blues music industry professionals, including music critics, journalists, festival promoters, music venue managers, producers and musicians.

Throughout his more than 30-year career, Earle has mined the rich veins of American roots music from country to rock and roll, folk and rockabilly. On his 16<sup>th</sup> studio album of his singular career, *Terraplane*, Earle pays tribute to the blues, influenced by the blues giants he saw growing up in Texas – Lightnin' Hopkins, Freddy King, Johnny Winter, Jimmie and Stevie Ray Vaughan, Canned Heat and Billy Gibbons. Recorded in Nashville by **Ray Kennedy** and produced by **R.S. Field**, the inspired collection is his homage to the music that he calls "the commonest of human experience, perhaps the only thing that we all truly share" and a record he has wanted to make for a long time. Over 11 original tracks, Earle and his longstanding band The Dukes traverse various forms of the blues – from the Texas roadhouse blues of opener "**Baby Baby Baby (Baby)**" to the acoustic blues of "**Ain't Nobody's Daddy Now**" and the Chicago blues of "**The Usual Time**" to the pre-war blues of "**Baby's Just As Mean As Me**," a duet with **Eleanor Whitmore**.

Described by *Mojo* as "Earle's passion for blues in its rawest form," *Terraplane* has received near universal acclaim and been embraced by the blues community. *Downbeat* exclaimed, "The once hard-living maverick sings with deep knowledge of the dark and light sides of human experience, running his emotional engine at full-throttle while sustaining the crucial ambivalence of the blues... Earle's ace band, the Dukes, plays for keeps." London's *Express & Star* gushed, "It's like Robert Johnson meets Johnny Cash – and it's a truly stunning work," while *Rolling Stone* called it a "down-home Texas blues party."

Earle & The Dukes have been touring the record non-stop since it was released in February, most recently with headline appearances at the **Americana Music Festival** alongside Loretta Lynn, and the **Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion Festival**, and will be taking the show over to **Europe** for dates in the **UK, Ireland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium** and **Sweden**. Following the band's first European run in support of *Terraplane*, they will return to the states for more touring including gigs in **New Orleans** and **Memphis**. But before all that, Earle and co. will return to **Hardly Strictly Bluegrass** for their annual performance this weekend at **San Francisco's Golden Gate Park**.

**STEVE EARLE ON TOUR**

October 3 – San Francisco, CA @ Hardly Strictly Bluegrass  
October 14 – Bristol, UK @ Colston Hall  
October 15 – Basingstoke, UK @ The Anvil  
October 16 – Bexhill On Sea, UK @ De La Warr Pavillion  
October 17 – Bury St. Edmunds, UK @ The Apex  
October 19 – Gateshead, UK @ The Sage  
October 20 – Manchester, UK @ The Ritz  
October 21 – London, UK @ Royal Festival Hall  
October 23 – Belfast, UK @ Limelight 1

October 24 – Wexford, IE @ Spiegeltent  
October 25 – Dublin, IE @ Olympia  
October 27 – Glasgow, UK @ O2 ABC  
October 29 – Amsterdam, NL @ Melkweg  
October 30 – Antwerp, BE @ De Roma  
November 1 – Malmö, SE @ KB  
November 2 – Gothenburg, SE @ Tradgarn  
November 3 – Södermalm, SE @ Gota Lejon  
November 4- Oslo, NO @ Rockefeller  
November 6 – Wangels, DE @ Rolling Stone Weekender  
November 7 – Stuttgart, DE @ Wagenhallen  
November 10 – Cologne, DE @ Die Kantine  
November 11 – Paris, FR @ Divan Du Monde  
November 16 – New Orleans, LA @ Tipitinas  
November 17 – Memphis, TN @ New Daisy Theater  
November 20 – Harris, MI @ Island Resort & Casino  
November 21 – Harris, MI @ Island Resort & Casino  
November 22 – Covington, KY @ Madison Theater  
January 31 – Miami, FL @ Cayamo Cruise  
February 7 – Miami, FL @ The Outlaw Country Cruise  
February 11 – Miami, FL @ The Outlaw Country Cruise

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