



STEVE EARLE

Steve Earle has released his fifteenth studio album, *The Low Highway*, to worldwide critical acclaim in Spring 2013. *Magnet Magazine* stated in their 9 out of 10 star review, "This time out, he brings all his influences together into an LP that may be his most musically diverse offering yet" with *PopMatters* stating that it is Earle's best record since 2004's Grammy Award-winning album *The Revolution Starts...Now*. The album and corresponding live tour features his celebrated live band The Dukes, which also features the husband & wife duo Chris Masterson & Eleanor Whitmore (otherwise known as the recording artists The Mastersons) as well as longtime Dukes members Kelley Looney and Will Rigby.

A protégé of legendary songwriters Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, Earle quickly became a master storyteller in his own right, with his songs being recorded by Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, Travis Tritt, The Pretenders, Joan Baez and countless others. 1986 saw the release of his debut record, *Guitar Town*, which shot to number one on the country charts and immediately established the term "New Country." What followed was an extremely exciting and varied array of releases including the biting hard rock of *Copperhead Road* (1988), the minimalist beauty of *Train A Comin'* (1995), as well as the politically charged masterpiece, *Jerusalem* (2002) and the Grammy Award-winning albums, *The Revolution Starts...Now* (2004), *Washington Square Serenade* (2007), and *Townes* (2009). His previous album, *I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive* (2011), was also Grammy Award nominated.

Earle is also recognized as an actor from his roles in the acclaimed HBO Original Series *The Wire* and *Treme* (both from celebrated writer David Simon) as well as appearances on *Law & Order* and the Tim Blake Nelson film *Leaves Of Grass*. He will be seen in the forthcoming feature film *The World Made Straight*, co-starring Minka Kelly, Noah Wyle, and Haley Joel Osment. He is also host of *The Steve Earle Show: Hardcore Troubadour Radio*, on Sirius XM Radio.

2011 saw the publication of his debut novel, like the album, also titled *I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive*. Of the novel, Patti Smith stated, "Steve Earle brings to his prose the same authenticity, poetic spirit and cinematic energy he projects in his music. *I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive* is like a dream you can't shake, offering beauty and remorse, redemption in spades." A forthcoming memoir and novel are also set to be published by Twelve, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing/Hachette Book Group.

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