



John Hiatt Tilts The *Mystic Pinball*

New Album Available September 25, 2012 Via New West Records

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*Extensive Tour Includes Co-Headline Dates With Steve Earle,
The Americana Music Association Festival And Two Nights At City Winery In NYC*

Los Angeles, CA – August 13, 2012 – Acclaimed musician and songwriter John Hiatt will release *Mystic Pinball* on September 25th via New West Records. Called "...one of rock's most astute singer-songwriters of the last 40 years" by the Los Angeles Times, Hiatt continues to write brilliant character studies, twisting entertaining storylines with cunning lyrics and wry humor including "We're Alright Now," the first single from *Mystic Pinball*. The blues driven "We're Alright Now" is available to hear at Facebook.com/JohnHiatt. *Mystic Pinball* will be available as both a CD and on limited edition 180-gram vinyl.

Hiatt and his band, The Combo, have gained a reputation for captivating crowds at their live shows as The Tennessean depicts: "He prowls the stage, delivering the bluesy stuff in a whiskey-burn howl, shouting the rock stuff and fronting a formidable band that can turn on a dime, from ballads to bombast." Hiatt & The Combo begin a US run mid-August that includes dates with Steve Earle, a special appearance at the Americana Festival in Nashville and two shows at City Winery in NYC (full list of dates below.)

For *Mystic Pinball*, Hiatt's 21st studio album, Hiatt turned to producer Kevin "Caveman" Shirley (Aerosmith, Iron Maiden, Joe Bonamassa.) Shirley also produced Hiatt's highly praised *Dirty Jeans And Mudslide Hymns*, which the New York Times declared was "...his best since 1995." Hiatt relies on the exceptional musical skills of Doug Lancio (electric guitar, mandolin, Dobro), Kenneth Blevins (drums and percussion) and Patrick O'Hearn (bass) to play with him on the record.

John Hiatt's career as a performer and songwriter has spanned more than 30 years and everyone from Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, BB King, Bonnie Raitt and Iggy Pop has covered his work. Hiatt began his solo career with the 1974 album *Hangin' Around the Observatory*. His landmark 1987 release *Bring The Family*, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, was his first album to chart in the U.S. 2000's *Crossing Muddy Waters* was called "The most natural and relaxed John Hiatt album in years..." by *All Music Guide*. In 2008, Hiatt released *Same Old Man*, was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and was honored by the Americana Music Association with their prestigious "Lifetime Achievement in Songwriting Award." Critical acclaim continued for *The Open Road* (2010) with The Boston Herald praising "Hiatt knocks together a rocking, full-throttle road record that in its tone, toughness and mix of blues, r & b and country harkens back to his landmark *Bring the Family*" while the Associated Press proclaimed "Hiatt remains at the top of his game" in reference to *Dirty Jeans and Mudslide Hymns* (2011.)

Mystic Pinball track listing:

1. We're Alright Now
2. Bite Marks
3. It All Comes Back Someday
4. Wood Chipper
5. My Business
6. I Just Don't Know What To Say
7. I Know How To Lose You
8. You're All The Reason I Need
9. One Of Them Damn Days
10. No Wicked Grin
11. Give It Up
12. Blues Can't Even Find Me

Current Tour Dates:

Tues, August 14	Annapolis, MD	Ram's Head On Stage
Thurs, August 16	Cohasset, MA	South Shore Music Circus *
Fri, August 17	Hyannis, MA	Cape Cod Melody Tent *
Sat, August 18	Philadelphia, PA	Philadelphia Folk Festival *
Mon, August 20	Bloomington, IN	Buskirk Chumley Theatre
Tues, August 21	Bloomington, IN	The Castle Theatre
Wed, August 22	Lexington, KY	Lex Opera House *
Thurs, August 23	Cincinnati, OH	Taft Theatre *
Sat, August 25	Washburn, WI	Big Top Chautauqua
Sun, August 26	Highland Park, IL	Ravinia *
Mon, August 27	Kansas City, MO	Uptown Theatre
Wed, August 29	Arvada, CO	Arvada Center
Thurs, August 30	Boulder, CO	Chautauqua Auditorium
Sat, September 1	Yosemite, CA	Strawberry Fest
Sun, September 2	Napa, CA	Uptown Theatre
Tues, September 4	Hermosa Beach, CA	Saint Rocke
Wed, September 5	Solana Beach, CA	Belly Up
Thurs, September 6	Agora Hills, CA	The Canyon
Fri, September 7	San Juan Capistrano, CA	The Coach House
Mon, September 10	Wichita, KS	The Cotillion
Fri, September 14	Nashville, TN	The Cannery (AMA Festival & Conf)
Wed, September 19	Atlanta, GA	Variety Playhouse
Thurs, September 20	Greenville, SC	The Handlebar
Fri, September 21	Alexandria, VA	Birchmere
Sat, September 22	Alexandria, VA	Birchmere
Sun, September 23	Alexandria, VA	Birchmere
Tues, September 25	New York, NY	City Winery
Wed, September 26	New York, NY	City Winery
Fri, September 28	Westhampton Beach, NY	Westhampton Beach PAC
Sat, September 29	Plymouth, NH	Flying Monkey
Mon, October 1	Brownfield, ME	Stone Mtn Arts Center

* co-headline with Steve Earle

-- additional tour dates to be added; up to date schedule at www.johnhiatt.com

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