



LEGENDARY SONGWRITER
JOHN HIATT PERFORMS ON
LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN;
SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST APPEARANCES ANNOUNCED

John Hiatt & The Combo On Tour Now In Support of *The Open Road*

Los Angeles, CA – March 10, 2010 – John Hiatt's 19th studio record *The Open Road* (New West Records) debuts strong on the Billboard top 200 chart earning him his second highest debut since 1995's *Walk On*. Hiatt & The Combo (Kenny Blevins on drums, Patrick O'Hearn on bass and Doug Lancio on guitars), who are currently on tour in support of the new record, will perform on Late Show with David Letterman tomorrow, March 11th. Tour stops include Pittsburgh, Annapolis and two shows at The Birchmere in DC March 15^h & 16th (see below for dates / venues).

Hiatt & The Combo are also slated for appearances at South By Southwest Festival next week. They kick off their stint in Austin on Thursday March 18th with live broadcast on KGSR from the Four Seasons Hotel, an appearance at New West Records annual day party at The Belmont followed by an official SXSW showcase at 8:00 pm at La Zona Rosa. Friday, March 19th John can be heard on KUT in the morning, seen at Waterloo Records for a 1pm signing and performance capped off with very special event at the Gibson Showroom at 6pm where John will be presented with his signature series guitar and again play a few songs.

Of *The Open Road*, The Boston Herald says, "Proving that 2008's surprisingly moving "Same Old Man" was no fluke, singer-songwriter Hiatt continues his late-career renaissance. Trading the bittersweet look back of "Same Old Man" for the through-the-windshield view of "The Open Road," 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. Known for his extraordinary songwriting talent, Hiatt was inducted into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2008 and also was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Songwriting from The Americana Music Association. Hiatt has written songs covered by a multitude of artists in a wide variety of genres including Bob Dylan, Rosanne Cash, Willie Nelson, Jewel and Bonnie Raitt, who most famously recorded "Thing Called Love."

TOUR DATES

Mar 10	New York, NY	Irving Plaza
Mar 11	Red Bank, NJ	Count Basie Theatre
Mar 12	Pittsburgh, PA	Carnegie Music Hall
Mar 14	Annapolis, MD	Rams Head Tavern (<i>sold out!</i>)
Mar 15-16	Alexandria, VA	Birchmere
Mar 18	AUSTIN, TX	SXSW
	9am Live from the Four Seasons on KGSR (98 San Jacinto Blvd)	
	1pm – 6pm New West Records Party @ The Belmont (305 W 6 th Street)	
	8:30 pm Showcase @ La Zona Rosa (612 W 4 th Street)	
Mar 19		
	1pm Waterloo Records signing/performance (600 North Lamar Boulevard)	
	6pm Gibson Showroom signature guitar series presentation & performance (3601 S. Congress)	
May 2	Memphis, TN	Beale Street
June 26	Newport, RI	Newport Yachting Center
Jul 21	Vienna, VA	Wolf Trap

Additional tour dates to be announced soon. Additional information at www.johnhiatt.com and www.newwestrecords.com/johnhiatt.

Press materials including bio, cover art and photos can be downloaded at press.newwestrecords.com/johnhiatt.

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