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## **BEN MILLER BAND FEATURED ON WGN'S HIT SHOW "OUTSIDERS"**

### **BAND DEBUTS EXPANDED LINE UP ON TOUR, ANNOUNCES CANADIAN TOUR WITH GEORGE THOROGOOD, U.S. RUN WITH JJ GREY & MOFRO**

LOS ANGELES, CA, February 12, 2016 – The **Ben Miller Band's** frenetic, one-of-a-kind jaw-dropping live show has astounded audiences across North America and Europe and is now whipping the wild mountain folk of Blackburg, Kentucky into a frenzy on WGN's hit new show, "**Outsiders**," where they will be featured throughout the season. The band made their television debut on the season premiere last month as the community band in the lawless, fictional town set in the rugged and mysterious hills of Appalachia. As the rowdy residents drank, danced and celebrated, the band provided a rollicking blues rock soundtrack to their drunken revelry. Written and created by **Peter Mattei** and produced by **Paul Giamatti** and **Peter Tolan**, "**Outsiders**" stars **David Morse** ("Treme," "Hurt Locker"), **Ryan Hurst** ("Sons of Anarchy," "Bates Motel") and **Joe Anderson** ("The Divide," "Across the Universe") and tells the story of the Farrells – a family of outsiders who live off the grid and above the law on their mountaintop homestead.

The Ben Miller Band are currently out on the road debuting their revamped line-up which recently expanded to a foursome following the departure of founding member Doug Dicharry. Multi-instrumentalists **Smilin' Bob Lewis** and **Rachel Ammons** have officially joined the band where they bring an arsenal of instruments to the fold including fiddle, slide guitar, dobro, dulcimer, keyboards, mandolin, banjo, bass and harmonica and in Ammon's case, an electric cactus, and inject the band with a whole new, exciting dynamic. "When we thought of what the future might bring and how to fill the shoes left by Doug's departure, my very first thought was of one of my favorite bands in the world, Tyrannosaurus Chicken," says **Ben Miller**. "Smilin' Bob and Rachel are two of the most gifted musicians I have ever met and, in my opinion, they make some of the most original and authentic American music being made today. Over the years, we have shared stages many times with them and jammed together every chance we had. There was always a strange and wonderful alchemy that came from our two groups mixing, it felt effortless and right. So, we called them with our idea of joining forces. After some careful deliberation we all came to the conclusion that the potential was so far off the charts that if we didn't do it we'd probably always wonder what might have been. This is a very big step forward for all involved and we wouldn't be doing it if we didn't fully believe that what we have put together is a very, very special band. So, here's to the future, 2016 is gonna be a big one."

The **Ben Miller Band** has not stopped touring since the August 2014 release of their acclaimed sophomore album, ***Any Way, Shape Or Form***. In addition to a slew of festivals they have become ZZ Top's go-to opening act and have opened for the blues-rock giants all across the U.S. and Europe. In April, the foursome will tour Canada with **George Thorogood**. They will team up with **JJ Grey & Mofro** for a string of dates in May.

Produced by **Vance Powell** (Jack White, Wanda Jackson, Kings of Leon), *Any Way, Shape Or Form*, is an exhilarating listen that's garnered the band considerable praise and has raised their profile from grassroots DIY group to internationally touring sensation. **Blurt** declared: "As its name suggests, *Any Way, Shape Or Form* is a tidy mishmash of blustery boogie, down home designs and a well-heeled backwoods stomps...with a fun and frivolous outlook to boot. Oh, and it also rocks like hell." **Twang Nation** hailed the album as a "work of considerable scope executed into a whole of rambunctious cohesion," while **Saving Country Music** eloquently gushed: "Procuring the foundation for their music from the pre-war and Delta blues, and jug and string bands of the deep South, their amorphous sound is

like a séance for the creaky bones of past generations to animate back to life from the inalienable pull of an infectious groove.”

### **BEN MILLER BAND ON TOUR**

February 12 - North Myrtle Beach, SC @ Pirate's Cove Lounge  
February 13 - Granite Falls, NC @ Granite Falls Brewery  
February 17 - Pittsburgh, PA @ Moondogs  
February 18 - Columbus, OH @ Woodlands Series  
February 19 - Chicago, IL @ Schubas (Dunn Dunn Fest)  
February 20 - Iowa City, IA @ Yacht Club  
February 21 - St. Paul, MN @ The Amsterdam  
March 4 - Carbondale, IL @ Hangar 9  
March 5 - Washington, MO @ Driftwood Distillery  
March 10 - Wichita, KS @ Barleycorn's  
March 11 - Topeka, KS @ Uncle Bo's Blues Bar  
March 12 - Joplin, MO @ Joplin Memorial Hall  
March 18 - New Orleans, LA @ T-Bois Blues Festival  
March 19 - Chandler, AZ @ Great American BBQ & Beer Festival  
March 26 - Kansas City, MO @ Knuckleheads  
April 12 - Boulder, CO @ Fox Theatre  
April 13 - Denver, CO @ Cervantes' Other Side  
April 19 - Prince George, BC @ CN Centre \*  
April 20 - Kelowna, BC @ Prospera Place \*  
April 24 - Cranbrook, BC @ Western Financial Place \*  
April 25 - Calgary, AB @ Grey Eagle Event Centre \*  
April 26 - Edmonton, AB @ Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium \*  
April 28 - Saskatoon, SK @ TCU Place \*  
April 29 - Regina, SK @ Conexus Arts Centre \*  
April 30 - Winnipeg, MB @ Burton Cummings Theatre \*  
May 2 - Sault Ste. Marie, ON @ Essar Centre \*  
May 6 - Pekin, IL @ Twisted Spoke Saloon +  
May 8 - Lincoln, NE @ Bourbon Theatre +  
May 11 - Tulsa, OK @ Cain's Ballroom +  
May 12 - Little Rock, AR @ Revolution Music Room +  
May 13 - Jackson, MS @ Duling Hall +  
May 27 - Evans, GA @ Papa Joe's Banjo-B-Que  
May 29 - Logan, OH @ Duck Creek Log Jam 2016  
June 3 - Durango, CO @ Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge  
June 4 - Durango, CO @ Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge

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