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**ACCLAIMED DUO SHOVELS & ROPE ANNOUNCE OCTOBER 7 RELEASE
OF LITTLE SEEDS VIA NEW WEST RECORDS AND FALL TOUR**

**EXCLUSIVE ALBUM ANNOUNCEMENT AND TRACK PREMIERE
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***“Hearst and Trent create such vivid characters and make such
opulently open-ended music.” – NPR Music***

NASHVILLE, TN – Critically acclaimed husband & wife duo Shovels & Rope has announced the release of their anticipated new album *Little Seeds*, due October 7 on their new label home New West Records, along with an extensive fall tour (See list of dates below). Known for their honest, raw and highly distinctive sound, Cary Ann Hearst and Michael Trent (aka Shovels & Rope) have made their most personal and powerful album yet. As songwriters, Hearst and Trent have earned a reputation as gifted storytellers through their music. The main distinction between their prior work and *Little Seeds*, is that the stories here are true and inspired by their own experiences and observations.

Little Seeds reflects a pivotal and tumultuous time in their lives, and in our society. With song titles such as “Botched Execution”, “Mourning Song”, “The Last Hawk” and subject matters ranging from Alzheimer’s disease (“Invisible Man”) to over-medicating children (“Johnny Come Outside”) to racial unity (“BWYR”), one might think *Little Seeds* is a hopeless and depressing work, which would be highly inaccurate. Shovels & Rope’s penchant for writing literate, Southern Gothic infused songs that exude a dark humor, deep sentiment and the celebration of the genuine, quirky and beautiful things in life has never shined brighter than it does on *Little Seeds*.

Like most of their previous material, *Little Seeds* was recorded in the couple’s Charleston, SC home studio, and produced by Trent. Hearst and Trent wrote all the songs and played every instrument. *Little Seeds* is the follow up to their acclaimed 2014 release *Swimmin’ Time*, which debuted in the top 20 on the *Billboard 200*, #5 on the rock chart and #6 on the independent chart. The album received critical praise everywhere from *Rolling Stone* to *Southern Living* to *Relix*, while major features ran in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Huffington Post*, *American Songwriter*, *NPR Morning Edition*, *USA Today* and more. ([See Highlights](#)). The duo has appeared on *Conan*, *Austin City Limits*, *PBS Bluegrass Underground* and twice on *The Late Show with David Letterman*. Shovels & Rope has performed at almost every major U.S. festival, including Bonnaroo, Coachella, Lollapalooza, Newport Folk, Sasquatch, Hangout and many more.

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SHOVELS & ROPE **Fall Tour 2016**

- September 29 – **Knoxville, TN** – Bijou Theatre
- September 30 – **Indianapolis, IN** – Vogue
- October 3 – **Iowa City, IA** – Englert Theater
- October 5 – **Minneapolis, MN** – First Avenue
- October 6 – **Chicago, IL** – Thalia Hall
- October 7 – **Chicago, IL** – Thalia Hall
- October 8 – **Madison, WI** – Barrymore Theatre
- October 10 – **Detroit, MI** – St. Andrew's Hall
- October 11 – **Toronto, ON** – Phoenix Concert Theatre
- October 13 – **Burlington, VT** – Higher Ground
- October 14 – **Boston, MA** – House of Blues
- October 15 – **Philadelphia, PA** – Union Transfer
- October 17 – **Brooklyn, NY** – Music Hall of Williamsburg
- October 18 – **New York, NY** – Bowery Ballroom
- October 19 – **New York, NY** – Bowery Ballroom
- October 21 – **Washington, DC** – 9:30 Club
- October 22 – **Charlottesville, VA** – Jefferson Theater
- October 23 – **Charleston, WV** – Mountain Stage
- November 2 – **Los Angeles, CA** – Fonda Theatre
- November 3 – **San Francisco, CA** – The Fillmore
- November 4 – **San Francisco, CA** – The Fillmore
- November 5 – **Portland, OR** – Roseland Theater
- November 9 – **Vancouver, BC** – Commodore Ballroom
- November 11 – **Bellingham, WA** – Wild Buffalo House of Music
- November 12 – **Seattle, WA** – Showbox SoDo
- November 13 – **Missoula, MT** – The Wilma
- November 15 – **Boise, ID** – Knitting Factory
- November 17 – **Salt Lake City, UT** – The Depot
- November 18 – **Denver, CO** – Ogden Theatre
- November 19 – **Denver, CO** – Ogden Theatre

Stay tuned for more dates at <http://shovelsandrobe.com/tour-dates/>