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OLD 97'S GEAR UP FOR HEADLINE TOUR,
ADDITIONAL DATES ADDED

NEW ALBUM, *BLAME IT ON GRAVITY*, ENTERS BILLBOARD CHART AT HIGHEST POSITION FOR THE BAND

“Comfortable and confident all the way through, and a highly welcome return.” *Billboard*

“*Dance With Me* is their best single in years.” *Pitchfork*

May 27, 2008 – Los Angeles, CA -- Old 97's, one of the most acclaimed and beloved bands to spring from the 90s indie rock scene, will kick off the first headline tour in support of their anticipated new album, *Blame It On Gravity*, May 30th in Houston, TX. The album, the band's seventh studio recording and first album in 4 years, debuted at #85 on the BILLBOARD Top 200, the highest billboard chart debut for the band. They also landed at #9 on the BILLBOARD Indie chart.

Blame It On Gravity, which received 3 ½ stars in ROLLING STONE, finds the band turning up the amps and returning to the satisfying crunch of its early records. THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS says "*Blame It on Gravity* continues the tradition of quality" while THE NEW YORKER explains "*Blame It On Gravity* represents a full re-supply of its most attractive quality - its energy."

Blame It On Gravity superbly combines the various elements of rock, punk, classic country and pop displayed on previous releases and the collection is easily the band's most well-rounded stack of songs recorded for a single offering to date. The album represents the quality of song-craft fans have come to expect from the 97's past releases and is also reminiscent of the intensity, drive and bona fide joy found on cult favorite and major label debut *Too Far To Care*.

Since the 97's last studio release, 2004's *Drag It Up*, the band has released a double live album, *Alive and Wired*, a live DVD, and appeared prominently in the romantic comedy *The Breakup* after being written into the script by longtime fan and supporter Vince Vaughn.

Old 97's Tour Dates:

5/30 Houston, TX Meridian
5/31 Dallas, TX House of Blues
6/1 Tulsa, OK Cain's Ballroom
6/3 Omaha, NE Slowdown
6/4 Minneapolis, MN First Avenue
6/5 Chicago, IL Metro
6/6 St. Louis, MO The Pageant
6/7 Lawrence, KS Wakarusa Festival
6/10 Englewood Gothic Theatre
6/11 Salt Lake City, UT The Palladium
6/13 Vancouver, BC Richards on Richards
6/14 Seattle, WA Showbox at the Market
6/15 Portland, OR Wonder Ballroom
6/17 San Francisco, CA The Fillmore
6/19 Los Angeles, CA Crash Mansion
6/20 San Diego, CA House of Blues
6/26 Oshkosh, WI Waterfest Concert Series
6/27 Pittsburgh, PA Schenley Plaza
6/28 Milwaukee, WI Summerfest
7/18 Helotes, TX Floore's Country Store (Indoors)
7/19 New Orleans, LA House of Blues New Orleans
7/21 Birmingham, AL WorkPlay Theatre
7/22 Atlanta, GA Variety Playhouse
7/23 Nashville, TN Mercy Lounge
7/24 Asheville, NC The Orange Peel
7/25 Charlotte, NC Visulite Theatre
7/26 Raleigh, NC Moore Square Park
7/27 Richmond, VA Toad's Place - Richmond
7/29 Washington, DC 9:30 Club
7/30 Philadelphia, PA Trocadero
7/31 Dewey Beach, DE Bottle & Cork
8/1 New York, NY Webster Hall
8/2 Wellfleet, MA Wellfleet Beachcomber

* additional dates to be added *

For up to date tour information and more visit: www.old97s.com

For photos and bio visit press.newwestrecords.com

Old 97's are represented worldwide by Danny Goldberg for Gold Village Entertainment

About New West Records:

New West Records LLC is an eleven year old, wholly independent record label distributed in the United States by RED Distribution. With offices in Los Angeles and Austin TX, the company is staffed by a unique blend of music and business specialists. The label has had 12 releases debut in the Billboard Top 200 and boasts a number of Grammy[®] award winning artists including Dwight Yoakam, Steve Earle, Rickie Lee Jones, Kris Kristofferson and Delbert McClinton. In addition, the roster includes Ben Lee, Benji Hughes, Buddy & Julie Miller, Drive-By Truckers, Jason Isbell, John Hiatt, Old 97's, Randall Bramblett, Ray Davies, Stephen Bruton, The Flatlanders and Tim Easton. New West Records also has partnerships with Danny Goldberg's AMMAL Records, Scott Weiland's Softdrive Records, and exclusively releases CDs and DVDs from the award-winning television program "Austin City Limits".

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