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**OLD 97's KICK OFF FIRST NATIONAL HEADLINE TOUR
IN SUPPORT OF *BLAME IT ON GRAVITY*, MAY 30th**

FIRST NEW ALBUM IN 4 YEARS TO BE RELEASED MAY 13th, 2008

Exclusive Download Content Available For Fans

March 26th, 2008 -- New York, NY -- 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, will be released May 13th via New West Records and is their first in 4 years. *Blame It On Gravity* finds the band turning up the amps and returning to the satisfying crunch of its early records. Well known as an explosive live act, the band is excited to present these new tracks on stage.

In addition to the tour dates, the band is gearing up for several in store appearances in support of *Blame It On Gravity*. They will be in Houston at Cactus Music on May 15th followed by Waterloo Records in Austin on May 16th.

Starting now through Friday, April 9, fans can go to old97s.newwestrecords.com and sign up to receive an exclusive digital download of a performance of the new song "My Two Feet." This exclusive footage was filmed live at the band's end of recording session party in Dallas earlier this year. Those who signed up will receive an email after April 9 with a link to download the video.

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:

May 30th Houston, TX- The Meridian
May 31st Dallas, TX- House of Blues
June 1st Tulsa, OK- Cain's
June 3rd Omaha, Nebraska- Slowdown
June 4th Minneapolis, MN- 1st Ave
June 5th Chicago, IL- Metro
June 6th St. Louis, Missouri- Pageant
June 7th Lawrence, KS- (Wakarusa Festival)
June 10th Denver, CO Gothic Theater
June 11th Salt Lake City, UT- The Palladium
June 13th Vancouver BC- Richard's on Richards
June 14th Seattle, WA- Showbox
June 15th Portland, OR- Wonder Ballroom
June 17th San Francisco, CA- The Fillmore
June 19th Los Angeles, CA- Crash Mansion
June 20th San Diego, CA- House of Blues

* additional dates to be added

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

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, 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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