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## STEVE EARLE EARNS TWO GRAMMY® NOMINATIONS

North American Tour Dates Announced -- Kicks Off February 28<sup>th</sup> In Northampton, MA  
-- With Special Guest Allison Moorer --

*Washington Square Serenade #1 On Stephen King's Top Albums Of 2007*

Los Angeles, CA -- Legendary music renegade Steve Earle was honored by the Recording Academy with two Grammy® nominations as he gears up for a European and North American tour in support of his critically acclaimed, 12<sup>th</sup> studio album, *Washington Square Serenade* (New West Records.) The album was nominated in the Best Contemporary Folk/Americana Album category while Earle and his wife, Allison Moorer, were nominated in the Best Country Collaboration With Vocals category for their duet "Days Aren't Long Enough" from *Washington Square Serenade*. A new music video for the album's first single, "City of Immigrants" will be available in December. The video features Moorer as well as NYC's Brazilian pop band Forro In The Dark - who are also on the album.

Earle, who is currently producing Joan Baez's new record in Nashville, is also gearing up for European dates this January, directly followed by a North American tour. The tour will be a unique one as Earle will also bring along DJ Neil McDonald, who will provide beats heard on songs off the album produced by John King of the Dust Brothers (Beck, The Rolling Stones, Beastie Boys). Allison Moorer will be featured as a special guest during Earle's set as well as opening support. Pre-sale tickets for the tour will be available starting Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> via Earle's website ([www.steveearle.com](http://www.steveearle.com)).

*Washington Square Serenade*, which celebrated author Stephen King rated #1 on his list of top music of 2007 for Entertainment Weekly this week, is also #3 on the Amazon.com best country albums of 2007. It has been heralded by The Sun (UK) as "One of Earle's best." *Washington Square Serenade* debuted #72 on the Billboard Country Chart, #79 on the Billboard Top 200 chart, #46 on the UK National Sales Chart and #37 in Canada on their Top 200 Albums Chart and #5 on the Top Country Albums chart. It also received four stars in both Uncut and Blender while garnering three stars in Rolling Stone, The Los Angeles Times, Mojo and The Associated Press.

Beginning January 6<sup>th</sup>, Earle will appear in his recurring role as "Waylon" in the final season of HBO's distinguished series, *The Wire*. Earle has also recorded a new version of the Tom Waits classic, "Way Down In The Hole" as the series theme song; which is also included on *Washington Square Serenade*. Additionally, Earle hosts the *The Steve Earle Show: Hard Core Troubadour Radio* on Outlaw Country, SIRIUS Satellite Radio channel 63. The one-hour show features Earle's personal music selections and special guest interviews.

**Tour dates:**

Feb 28, 2008	Northampton, MA	Calvin Theatre
Feb 29, 2008	Somerville, MA	Somerville Theatre
Mar 1, 2008	Montreal, QC	Outremont Theatre
Mar 3, 2008	Ottawa, ON	Bronson Centre
Mar 4, 2008	Toronto, ON	Massey Hall
Mar 7, 2008	Chicago, IL	Vic Theatre
Mar 8, 2008	Madison, WI	Barymore Theatre
Mar 9, 2008	Minneapolis, MN	Historic Pantages Theatre
Mar 10, 2008	Winnipeg, MB	Burton Cummings Theatre
Mar 12, 2008	Edmonton, AB	Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
Mar 13, 2008	Banff, AB	Eric Harvie Theatre
Mar 15, 2008	Vancouver, BC	The Centre In Vancouver
Mar 16, 2008	Victoria, BC	Royal Theatre
Mar 18, 2008	Seattle, WA	Moore Theatre
Mar 19, 2008	Portland, OR	Aladdin Theater
Mar 21, 2008	San Francisco, CA	Palace of Fine Arts
Mar 25, 2008	Los Angeles, CA	Royce Hall

\*More dates to be announced soon\*

For up to date tour information and more visit: <http://www.steveearle.com/>

Steve Earle is represented worldwide by Danny Goldberg for Gold Village Entertainment.

***About New West Records:***

New West Records LLC is a ten 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<sup>®</sup> 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".

For photos and bio visit [www.newwestrecords.com/press](http://www.newwestrecords.com/press)

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