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**STEVE EARLE TO PERFORM FOUR INTIMATE SHOWS AT WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK'S JUDSON MEMORIAL CHURCH**

**PERFORMANCES TO CONCLUDE SECOND LEG OF NORTH AMERICAN TOUR BEGINNING JUNE 27<sup>th</sup>**

*EARLE NOMINATED FOR ARTIST OF THE YEAR BY THE AMERICANA MUSIC ASSOCIATION; SIGNATURE CUSTOM GUITAR INTRODUCED BY MARTIN GUITARS*

**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - New York, NY** -- Legendary music renegade Steve Earle will perform four nights at Washington Square Park's Judson Memorial Church on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The extremely intimate concerts will conclude the second leg of Earle's North American performances in support of the critically acclaimed album, *Washington Square Serenade* (New West Records). The tour will begin in Tucson, AZ on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rialto Theatre with very special guest Allison Moorer supporting all dates. A longtime Nashville (via Texas) resident, Earle has called New York City home for the past three years. *Washington Square Serenade*, a love letter to his new home, was honored by the Recording Academy in February with a Grammy ® Award for Best Contemporary Folk/Americana album.

The Americana Music Association has nominated Earle for Artist of the Year for their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Americana Honors and Awards Show. Selected by members of the Americana Music Association, the 2008 nominees reflect the genre's penchant for harboring exciting roots artists capable of career longevity and enthralling reinvention. The awards ceremony will be held September 18<sup>th</sup> at the legendary Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN.

Additionally, Martin Guitar recently introduced the M-21 Steve Earle Custom Edition Signature Model acoustic guitar. Earle partnered up with Matt Umanov, owner of the distinguished Matt Umanov Guitars in New York's Greenwich Village, to create this elegant M body design. The acoustic guitar is delivered in a blue molded hardshell case and features an interior label, numbered in sequence, that has been personally signed by both Steve Earle and Matt Umanov. Matt Umanov Guitars and authorized C.F. Martin dealers are now accepting orders for the model.

The Independent (UK) called Earle "America's Greatest Songwriter," while Esquire Magazine stated "At 52, Steve Earle is threatening to become more important than ever." Celebrated author Stephen King rated the album #1 on his list of top music of 2007 for Entertainment Weekly and said "Of all the albums I heard this year, it's the only one that fulfilled my expectations on every level."

In addition to touring in support of *Washington Square Serenade*, Earle also produced the forthcoming album, *Day After Tomorrow*, by the legendary Joan Baez and hosts *The Steve Earle Show: Hardcore Troubadour Radio* on Outlaw Country, SIRIUS Satellite Radio. Earle also starred in HBO's distinguished series *The Wire* and is currently writing his anticipated first novel for the Houghton Mifflin publishing company. Earle's collection of short stories, *Doghouse Roses*, was published by the company in 2002.

NORTH AMERICAN TOUR / VERY SPECIAL GUEST ALLISON MOORER TO SUPPORT ALL DATES: (More Dates To Be Announced):

June 27<sup>th</sup> - Tucson, AZ The Rialto Theatre  
June 28<sup>th</sup> - Flagstaff, AZ The Orpheum  
June 29<sup>th</sup> - Taos, NM Taos Solar Music Festival  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Telluride, CO Sheridan Opera House  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Telluride, CO Sheridan Opera House  
July 6<sup>th</sup> - Aspen, CO Belly Up  
July 8<sup>th</sup> - Boulder, CO Boulder Theatre  
July 9<sup>th</sup> - Durango, CO Fort Lewis Community Concert Hall  
July 11<sup>th</sup> - Eagle, ID Winery at Eagle Knoll  
July 12<sup>th</sup> - Missoula, MT University Theatre  
July 13<sup>th</sup> - Bozeman, MT Emerson Cultural Center  
July 15<sup>th</sup> - Calgary, AB Jack Singer Hall  
July 16<sup>th</sup> - Saskatoon, SK Lakeview Auditorium  
July 18<sup>th</sup> - Fargo, ND Fargo Theater  
July 19<sup>th</sup> - Duluth, MN Duluth Mitchell Auditorium  
July 20<sup>th</sup> - Milwaukee, WI Pabst Theater  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lexington, KY Kentucky Theater  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Nelsonville, OH Stuart's Opera House  
July 24<sup>th</sup> - Pittsburgh, PA Byham Theatre  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Newport, RI Newport Folk Festival  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Blue Hill, ME Shangri-La Festival  
August 8<sup>th</sup> - Hamilton, ON Festival of Friends  
August 9<sup>th</sup> - Gananoque, ON Festival of the Islands  
August 12<sup>th</sup> - Buffalo, NY State Theater  
August 14<sup>th</sup> - Great Barrington, MA Mahaiwe Theater  
August 15<sup>th</sup> - Newburyport, MA Newburyport PAC  
August 16<sup>th</sup> - Schwenksville, PA - Philadelphia Folk Fest  
August 17<sup>th</sup> - Saratoga Springs, NY - Saratoga Music Festival  
September 13<sup>th</sup> - New Haven, CT CT Folk Festival and Green Expo  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> - New York, NY Judson Memorial Church  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> - New York, NY Judson Memorial Church  
September 25<sup>th</sup> - New York, NY Judson Memorial Church  
September 26<sup>th</sup> - New York, NY Judson Memorial Church

For More Information, please visit: [steveearle.com](http://steveearle.com) and [newwestrecords.com](http://newwestrecords.com)

For photos and artwork, please visit:

<http://press.newwestrecords.com/SteveEarle/index.html>

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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".

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