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## **STEVE EARLE WINS GRAMMY AWARD FOR *WASHINGTON SQUARE SERENADE***

European Tour In Full Swing;  
North American Dates Coming Up

Los Angeles, CA -- Legendary music renegade Steve Earle was honored by the Recording Academy with a Grammy® Award for his album *Washington Square Serenade* (New West Records) in the Best Contemporary Folk/Americana Album category during their 50<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony last night in Los Angeles. This honor marks Earle's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grammy Award.

Earle is currently in Europe on the Washington Square Serenade Tour, which comes to North America at the end of February. The tour is unique as Earle has DJ Neil McDonald along, providing beats heard on songs off the album produced by John King of the Dust Brothers (Beck, The Rolling Stones, Beastie Boys). Earle's wife, Allison Moorer, is featured as a special guest during Earle's set as well as opening support.

*Washington Square Serenade*, which celebrated author Stephen King rated #1 on his list of top music of 2007 for Entertainment Weekly, was called "...downright electrifying" by Harp magazine while The Independent (UK) calls Earle "America's Greatest Songwriter." The album also received four stars in both Uncut and Blender while garnering three stars in USA Today, Rolling Stone, The Los Angeles Times, Mojo and The Associated Press.

**North American 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® 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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