

BEN FOLDS PREMIERES NEW SONG, "PHONE IN A POOL"**NEW ALBUM, *SO THERE*, OUT SEPTEMBER 11****PRE-ORDERS BEGIN JULY 17, 11AM EDT VIA BENFOLDS.COM****LIMITED RUN PREMIUM DELUXE VINYL EDITION
AVAILABLE FOR ORDER WHILE SUPPLIES LAST****TOURING CONTINUES**

NEW YORK, NY - JULY 16, 2015 -- Ben Folds has released another fantastic song from his new album, *So There*, due out **September 11 (New West Records)**. The song, "**Phone In A Pool**," premiered earlier in the week via the *Wall Street Journal* and is yet another stunning song from this beautifully nuanced chamber pop record recorded and arranged in collaboration with the critically acclaimed NYC-based sextet **yMusic**.

Pre-orders for the album begin Friday, July 17 at 11am EDT via benfolds.com. "**Capable of Anything**," which *NPR* premiered last month and "**Phone In A Pool**" will be the instant grat tracks with each iTunes pre-order.

A premium deluxe vinyl edition of the album will be available for order while supplies last. Only 250 will be made of these two-disc, four-sided 180g-vinyl packages. Included in the package will be four RC silver prints hand-selected by Folds from his photo archives as well as a silver gelatin black and white fiber board print autographed by him.

So There is the multi-platinum selling singer/songwriter/producer's first album for his new label New West Records, and showcases eight new pop songs along with the debut recording of Folds' 21-minute "Concerto For Piano and Orchestra," with the Nashville Symphony conducted by Giancarlo Guerrero. Recorded in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and his own historic Grand Victor Sound (aka RCA Studio A) in Nashville, the album is marked by its forward-thinking studio craft and creative spontaneity.

"Every so often it occurs to me how much freedom I have," Folds says. "In this case, it was, 'Oh. I can write pop songs for what's in essence a small orchestra.'"

Folds and yMusic have been touring to adoring crowds all spring, including critically acclaimed appearances at Bonnaroo and The Greek in Los Angeles, CA on June 27. More touring is currently being planned for the fall and 2016. For Ben Folds touring info go to: www.benfolds.com.

"This isn't the first time I've typed this sentence: Is there anything Ben Folds can't do?" *American Songwriter* enthused after the Bonnaroo set, while the *Los Angeles Times* said, "Folds' risky move - relying on the strength of his upcoming album over established tunes - paid off. It also showed that his 20-year career may be hitting a crescendo yet again, thanks to the reinvigorating instrumentals of yMusic."

"When I was introduced to yMusic, it was like, 'Oh, these are my brothers and sisters. We're done,'" Folds says. "I didn't look back. I had a new rock band, basically. I didn't expect to end up in a new band but that's what happened."

Ben Folds first found international success as the leader of the Ben Folds Five. His subsequent solo career has seen the release of multiple studio albums, a pair documenting his renowned live performances, a remix collection, music for film and TV, an all a capella record, as well as numerous collaborations with artists spanning Sara Bareilles to William Shatner.

A Nashville resident, Folds owns and operates Grand Victor Sound. The studio, formerly known as RCA Studio A, is the multi-platinum artist's creative hub, where he composes, collaborates, produces and records his genre-defying work, as well as that of other artists. Folds has earned universal respect and praise for his insight as judge on five highly rated seasons of NBC's a capella competition series, *The Sing Off*. In addition, he has made cameo appearances in a variety of film and TV projects, including a role on NBC's *Community*.

Folds will be touring through the summer and fall, both solo and with yMusic. The dates are below:

July 16 - Omaha, NE @ Sokol Auditorium *
July 17 - Mankato, MN @ Vetter Stone Amphitheater *
July 18 - Cedar Rapids, IA @ McGrath Amphitheatre *
July 30 - San Diego, CA @ Embarcadero Marina Park South
(Ben w/ San Diego Symphony)
August 12 - London, UK @ Royal Opera House +
August 14 - Glasgow, UK @ Summer Nights Festival +
September 12 - Nashville, TN @ Live On The Green +
September 14 - Seattle, WA @ The Moore +
September 15 - Portland, OR @ Roseland Theater +
September 16 - San Francisco, CA @ The Warfield +
October 1 - Augusta, GA @ Westobou Festival
(Ben w/ Symphony Orchestra Augusta)
October 30 - Miami, FL @ UM Maurice Gusman Concert Hall
(Ben w/ Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra)
December 4 - Washington, DC @ Kennedy Center (Ben w/ National Symphony)
December 8 - Winston-Salem, NC @ Lawrence Joel Coliseum
(Ben w/ Piedmont Wind Symphony)

* Ben Folds Solo
+ Ben Folds w/ yMusic

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