



EMILY NENNI RETURNS WITH *DRIVE & CRY* MAY 3, 2024 VIA NEW WEST RECORDS

“GET TO KNOW YA” VIDEO FEATURING CORNBREAD COWBOI, JOSHUA HEDLEY, ESTHER ROSE, JONNY FRITZ, BELLA WHITE, RILEY DOWNING OF THE DESLONDES AND MORE RELEASED TODAY

TO APPEAR AT THE SXSW MUSIC FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH

Emily Nenni will release *Drive & Cry* May 3, 2024 via New West Records. The 12-track set was produced by John James Tourville of The Deslondes at Creative Workshop in Nashville, TN and mixed by Matt Ross-Spang (John Prine, Jason Isbell) at Southern Grooves in Memphis, TN. Nenni has quickly emerged as one of the freshest and most electrifying voices in Nashville. Her sound is rooted in classic honky tonk and spiked with serious country, soul, and rock ‘n’ roll fire, with sweet-and-sassy lyrics that chronicle hard living, hot nights, heartbreak, and other universal truths about the human condition. *Drive & Cry* follows her critically acclaimed 2022 long player *On the Ranch*, which **Holler** said put “her firmly in the ring with any other heavyweight country contender looking to lift that title belt.” **No Depression** called the album “a barnburner” while the **Nashville Scene** called it “an irresistible vintage-country masterwork.”

Whereas *On the Ranch* saw Nenni uproot herself to lend a hand —and write—while assisting at a ranch in southern Colorado, *Drive & Cry* drops the listener smack in the middle of her boisterous and bustling Nashville world. Over the past several years, she has enraptured audiences across Music City (and the nation with near-constant touring alongside Charley Crockett, Orville Peck, and more) with sizzling sets in smoky bars and clubs, honing her command of the stage. She has perfected her skills as a band leader and sharpened her already astute world view, all of which are on full display on *Drive & Cry*.

Today, Nenni released the video for the album’s lead off track, “Get To Know Ya” a honky tonk rave-up that celebrates the end of the work day and the beginning of a music-filled, come-what-may night. She says, “I was selling cowboy boots and my coworkers were making plans to go to the honky tonk that night. I had already written a couple of songs for the record and they were on the melancholy side, so I wanted to have an upbeat two-stepping number. I just imagined some 80s movie like *Hard Country*, and folks getting off work and headed to the honky tonk...something that’s still alive and well in Nashville, TN.” The video for the clip was directed by Joshua Shoemaker and features social media star Cornbread Cowboi, Joshua Hedley, Jonny Fritz, Esther Rose, Bella White, Riley Downing of The Deslondes, Jack Quiggins of Teddy & The Rough Riders, Hunter Pinkston of the Pink Stones, and more.

All songs on *Drive & Cry* were written by Emily Nenni, with the exception of the album's closing track, "Amarillo Highway" by Terry Allen. Nenni says, "Aside from 'Amarillo Highway,' which is a staple of my sets, this is the first record I have completely written on my own. I spent a good bit of solitary time ruminating on things that had happened over the last year or two. Rethinking what I'm doing, how I'm doing it, who with, even in just the everyday. Change is hard but also such a gift. I'm most proud of the quality of folks involved in this record, they're all top-notch professionals and the kindest people. I had so much fun—even through the tears—at every stage of making this record. I really hope everybody hears that."

Nenni has also announced her initial tour dates in support of *Drive & Cry*, launching at the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, TX next month. Tomorrow night, she will support labelmate Corb Lund in Nashville as a part of **WMOT's** *Wired In* performance series at Riverside Revival. Please see tour dates, with many more to be added, below.

Emily Nenni's *Drive & Cry* will be available across digital platforms, compact disc, and standard black vinyl. A limited clear & blue marbled teal color vinyl edition autographed by Emily Nenni will be available via Heady Wax Fiends. An autographed compact disc edition, as well as a limited Clear Pink vinyl edition autographed by Emily Nenni will be available at Independent Retailers worldwide and is available for pre-order **NOW** via **NEW WEST RECORDS**.

Emily Nenni *Drive & Cry* Track Listing:

1. Get To Know Ya
2. Greatest Hits
3. Lay Of The Land
4. I Don't Have To Like You
5. Drive & Cry
6. Changes
7. I Don't Need You
8. I Can't Pretend It Never Happened
9. Rootin' For You
10. We Sure Could Two Step
11. Set On The Steps
12. Amarillo Highway

Emily Nenni On Tour:

- 2.21.24 - Nashville, TN - Riverside Revival (WMOT *Wired In* with Corb Lund)
- 3.13.24 - Austin, TX - Sagebrush (SXSW)
- 3.15.24 - Austin, TX - Antone's (SXSW)
- 3.16.24 - The White Horse (SXSW)
- 5.16.24 - Bloomington, IN - Cosmic Songwriter Festival
- 6.22.24 - Helmville, MT - Old Salt Festival
- 6.29.24 - Pendleton, OR - Jackalope Jamboree

8.3.24 - Madison, WI - Sugar Maple Music Festival

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