



**TONY JOE WHITE'S RAW & INTIMATE *THE BEGINNING* TO BE
REISSUED JULY 22 VIA NEW WEST RECORDS**

Tony Joe White's *The Beginning* will be reissued on July 22nd via New West Records. Originally issued on compact disc via White's own Swamp Records in 2001, the 10-song set was produced by his son and manager Jody. Tony Joe dreamed of making an unadorned and unaccompanied album throughout his career. Finally free from record company obligations, White fully realized his vision by entering his own Church Street Studio with just his son. The intensely intimate and stark collection features White alone in the studio with only an acoustic guitar, harmonica, and a microphone capturing his stomping foot as percussion. *The Beginning* was remixed & remastered by engineer Ryan McFadden and the digital version is available across streaming platforms today.

Met with critical acclaim upon its release, **AllMusic** said "This is Tony Joe White raw and direct, full of grit, truth, and unsettling sensuality. This is the sound of the night, where bullfrogs, snakes, hungry gators, broken dreamers, haunted desperadoes, lonesome travelers, and wild-eyed seekers of the unspeakable all come together in one man's musical dreams to speak. *The Beginning* is the sound of the dirty, funky, hot, and muggy blues." **No Depression** said "...White plays blues here, mostly in the way he first learned them as a boy on front porches and off record players," continuing "*The Beginning* appears intent on proving that, no matter which side of the tracks you're on, there are blues enough to go around."

White's 29th album had been long out of print and unavailable digitally until New West Records issued a limited edition color vinyl pressing for Record Store Day Black Friday last year. Immediately selling out, *The Beginning* will again be available for the first time on standard black vinyl as well as a limited edition Opaque Blue Vinyl edition available at Independent Retailers and directly from New West Records. The compact disc edition will be again in print for the first time in nearly twenty years. *The Beginning* has been remastered and resequenced for this unique pressing and also features new album cover artwork as well.

Tony Joe White's *The Beginning* is available for pre-order now via New West Records.

Tony Joe White *The Beginning* Track Listing

1. Who You Gonna Hoo-Doo Now (5:01)
2. Ice Cream Man (3:27)
3. Wonder Why I Feel So Bad (3:55)

4. Going Back To Bed (5:11)
5. Down By The Border (4:15)
6. More To This Than That (4:15)
7. Drifter (5:18)
8. Rebellion (4:33)
9. Rich Woman Blues (5:16)
10. Raining On My Life (4:20)

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