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THE DESLONDES' EPONYMOUS DEBUT ALBUM STREAMING AT NPR FIRST LISTEN

NEW ORLEAN'S-BASED BAND FEATURED ON WORLD CAFE: NEXT

U.S. TOUR KICKS OFF JUNE 17 IN NASHVILLE

LOS ANGELES, CA, June 2, 2015 – **The Deslondes'** rousing mix of rootsy rock 'n' roll, country-soul, New Orleans R&B, Woody Guthrie folk, swamp boogie and honky-tonk can now be heard over at **NPR** who are premiering the band's eponymous debut album all week long as a coveted **First Listen**. The highly anticipated 12-song collection, co-produced by the band and **Andrija Tokic** (Benjamin Booker, Alabama Shakes, Hurray for the Riff Raff), incited **NPR**, who previously championed the band by revealing the album's first single "**Fought The Blues And Won,**" to exclaim, "Their tradition-tweaking testimonies to restless inclinations and precarious attachments shamble and shuffle, swing and bop, slip and slide, straining familiar forms at the seams, yielding something energized, elegant and new."

The New Orleans-based band has also been selected by **World Cafe** for *World Cafe: Next*, the influential radio show's showcase for independent and emerging artists who are making exciting, innovative music. "Whether it's soul, country or folk, there is an authenticity to what they do – and it comes through on their debut album," they declared. World Cafe will tape an interview and performance with the upstarts when they hit Philadelphia later this month.

The Deslondes' music has the transformative power to turn clubs into dance halls and bars into honky-tonks and that's just what they intend to do when they bring their Big Easy sound to venues across the U.S. this summer on their headlining tour. The cross-country run will kick off in **Nashville** on **June 17** and hit **DC, New York** and **Philadelphia** before they head west for dates in **Seattle, Portland, San Francisco** and **Los Angeles**. In the midst of the tour, they will perform at the inaugural **Big Barrel Festival** in **Dover, DE** on **June 27**. Following the jaunt, they will head to Europe for a month of shows in the **UK, Netherlands, France, Spain, Italy** and **Germany**.

Comprised of five songwriters – **Sam Doores** (vocals/guitar), **Riley Downing** (vocals/guitar), **Dan Cutler** (vocals/stand-up bass), **Cameron Snyder** (vocals/percussion) and **John James Tourville** (pedal steel/fiddle) – The Deslondes are a unique democratic collective where each musician contributes writing and arrangements and members take the lead at different times. The band endeavors to carry on the traveling troubadour tradition of their heroes Woody Guthrie, Hank Williams, Townes Van Zandt, Blaze Foley and John Prine and their music production and vocal arrangements are inspired by the rhythmic, high energy, and harmony-driven sounds of their other heroes, The Band and Allen Toussaint.

This riveting combination has resulted in some impressive pre-release praise from the press. *Garden & Gun* featured the band alongside **Leon Bridges, Fantastic Negrito, Adia Victoria** and **The Word** in an article entitled "The New Heavies" and said, "The album is a patchwork of influences: the powerful sound of the Stax and Sun Records era, Keith Richards-esque guitar riffs, harmonies that recall The Band, and the country folk of Townes Van Zandt." *American Songwriter* gave the record four out of five stars and gushed that "The Deslondes provide a thrilling, original blend of American music that can't be found anywhere else."

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June 17 - Nashville, TN @ The Basement
June 18 - Asheville, NC @ Isis Music Hall
June 19 - Carrboro, NC @ Cat's Cradle
June 20 - Norfolk, VA @ Bayou Boogaloo

June 21 - Washington, DC @ Gypsy Sally's
June 23 - Philadelphia, PA @ Johnny Brenda's
June 25 - New York, NY @ Mercury Lounge
June 26 - Lancaster, PA @ Tellus 360
June 27 - Dover, DE @ Big Barrel Country Music Festival
July 9 - Seattle, WA @ Tractor Tavern
July 12 - Portland, OR @ Mississippi Studios
July 14 - San Francisco, CA @ Amnesia
July 15 - Santa Cruz, CA @ The Crepe Place
July 16 - Los Angeles, CA @ The Roxy Theatre
July 17 - Pioneertown, CA @ Pappy & Harriet's

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