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**THE PINK STONES RETURN WITH *YOU KNOW WHO* JUNE 30 VIA
NORMALTOWN/NEW WEST RECORDS**

**FEATURING NIKKI LANE, TEDDY AND THE ROUGH RIDERS, AND JOHN JAMES
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The Pink Stones will release *You Know Who* on June 30 via Normaltown/New West Records. The 11-song set was co-produced by Henry Barbe and Hunter Pinkston and features guest appearances by Nikki Lane, Teddy and the Rough Riders, John James Tourville of The Deslondes, and Annie Leeth. *You Know Who* is the follow up to their 2021 debut *Introducing...The Pink Stones*, which was met with critical acclaim. **PopMatters** said “The Pink Stones reinvigorate cosmic country” while **Holler** said their debut was “as energized and spirited as it is heartfelt and reflective.” **Under the Radar** said “Athens, Georgia, the college town that introduced R.E.M., Drive-By Truckers, and B-52s to the world has once again produced an exciting rising new band” while **No Depression** said, “There must be something in the air in Athens, Georgia — it has produced a long line of prolific artists and rock bands. R.E.M., Vic Chesnutt, Drive-By Truckers, the B-52s, and now, The Pink Stones, a six-piece outfit creating some of the most shimmering, melancholic Southern rock in years...*Introducing* doesn’t just tell us who The Pink Stones are, it gets us tickled for what they’ll do next.”

Made up entirely of Athens musicians who play in other bands around town (including former members of the Drive-By Truckers and The Glands), The Pink Stones match their frontman’s vast musical vocabulary while adding their own twists to spacey honkytonk, pedal-to-the-metal trucker anthems, and ecstatic gospel.

“This record was me trying to take everything I love as a listener and a player and shove it all into one thing without it sounding random,” says Pinkston, former punk turned cosmic country auteur, describing the boisterous, ambitious *You Know Who*. Ostensibly they play country music, yet all the pedal steel sobs, the two-steppin’ rhythms, twangy harmonies, and lyrics about broken hearts and long days on the road are launchpads for wild experiments and unexpected stylistic forays. “There’s obviously a lot of country and rock in our music, but there’s a lot of gospel and soul and psych and dub. I really wanted to get all of those things living peacefully together in one record.” Especially notable is The Pink Stones’ ability to intertwine joy, heartache and self-deprecating humor in songs. It’s a classic hat trick of country music that is all too easy to overplay

and seem forced by modern Americana aspirants, but one which the band crafts perfectly.

Heavy touring has honed The Pink Stones' attack, giving them the ability to chase down any wild scheme, but it's also made Pinkston more confident as a songwriter who catalogs his feelings of alienation, isolation, loneliness, and yearning with wit and acuity. While Pinkston is hesitant to call *You Know Who* a coming-of-age album, the trials and rewards of adulthood—with all of its responsibilities and disappointments, wisdom and contradictions—animate every song. Pinkston says, "I wanted this one in particular to be a snapshot of us in the past year or so...this is where we are right now in our lives."

The Pink Stones *You Know Who* will be available across digital platforms, compact disc, and standard black vinyl. A very limited to 200 "Pink Stone Pink" vinyl edition will be available via Heady Wax Fiends. A limited to 1,500 "Sticky Icky Green" vinyl edition autographed by The Pink Stones will be available at Independent Retailers and is also available for pre-order now via New West Records.

***You Know Who* Track Listing:**

1. Roses & Poppies
2. Baby, I'm Still Right Here (With You) (feat. Nikki Lane)
3. Where We Have To Stay
4. No Rain, No Flowers
5. Moving On (Without You)
6. Who's Laughing Now? (feat. Teddy and The Rough Riders)
7. You Know Who
8. Someone You Can't Move
9. Time's Standing Still
10. Rich Rudy
11. Stoned & Alone

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