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LEGENDARY ARTISTS GATHER IN TRIBUTE TO SONGWRITER JESSE WINCHESTER

**THE ALBUM, “QUIET ABOUT IT: A TRIBUTE TO JESSE WINCHESTER”
A GIFT FROM GRATEFUL MUSICIANS & SONGWRITERS TO A MASTER
AVAILABLE NOW EXCLUSIVELY ON iTunes**

Aug 14, 2012 – “Quiet About It: A Tribute To Jesse Winchester’ is now available on iTunes and will make its way to the other digital retailers September 3. The physical album will be available for purchase from the Mailboat Records Store (www.mailboatstore.com) September 25, 2012. The album features contributions from James Taylor, Rosanne Cash, Jimmy Buffett, Allen Toussaint, Vince Gill, Mac McNally, Lyle Lovett, Lucinda Williams, Rodney Crowell, Little Feat and Elvis Costello.

Jesse Winchester, a gifted songwriter and musician, has inspired many iconic artists of our time. When Jesse was diagnosed with esophageal cancer last year, Jimmy Buffett and Elvis Costello immediately agreed it would be a good idea to put together a tribute album as a show of support.

As taken from the album liner notes, written by Bill Flanagan: “I don’t know anyone who dislikes Jesse Winchester’s music. It seems to me that there are only those who love it and those who have never heard it. Jesse is a songwriter’s songwriter, praised by every composer from Dylan down and covered by greats from Wilson Pickett to the Everly Brothers. Jesse Winchester’s songs are like mirrors in which both performers and listeners can see themselves.

At Christmas of 2011 Buffett wrote to Jesse and told him the album was coming, a gift from a whole bunch of grateful musicians and songwriters to a master. Jesse expressed his gratitude and had some good news of his own. He had beaten the odds – after treatment and surgery the doctors had told him he was cancer free. Soon he returned to the road and as of this writing is performing again, making up for a lost year. A happy ending all around.

This album is a tribute to a great singer/songwriter and also to the community of musicians who pulled together to show their love and respect to Jesse when he was down. Now that Jesse is back up, make sure you see him when he comes to your town. They are not making any more like him,’ says Bill Flanagan.

“I’m proud of the entire project,” explains executive producer Mac McNally who is featured on ‘Defying Gravity.’ “We called it a labor of love before we knew how much labor and love it was going to take, but I stand by our initial assessment.”

TRACK LISTING:

1. Payday – James Taylor
2. Biloxi – Rosanne Cash
3. Gentleman of Leisure – Jimmy Buffett
4. I Wave Bye Bye – Allen Toussaint
5. Talk Memphis – Vince Gill
6. Defying Gravity – Mac McAnally
7. Brand New Tennessee Waltz – Lyle Lovett
8. Mississippi You're On My Mind – Lucinda Williams
9. Dangerous Fun – Rodney Crowell (feat. EmmyLou Harris and Vince Gill)
10. Rhumba Man – Little Feat
11. Quiet About It – Elvis Costello

About Jesse Winchester

Jesse Winchester (born **James Ridout Winchester**; May 17, 1944) is a musician and songwriter who was born and raised in the southern United States. To avoid the Vietnam War draft he moved to Canada in 1967, which is where he began his career as a solo artist. His highest charting recordings were of his own tunes, "Yankee Lady" in 1970 and "Say What" in 1981. He became a Canadian citizen in 1973, gained amnesty in the U.S. in 1977 and resettled there in 2002.

Winchester is probably most well known as a songwriter, with his works being recorded by many notable artists, including Patti Page, Elvis Costello, Jimmy Buffett, Joan Baez, Anne Murray, Reba McEntire, The Everly Brothers and Emmylou Harris. A number of these recordings have had success on various charts.

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