

High Cotton: A Tribute to Alabama out on Lightning Rod Records September 17th

(New York, NY - July 24, 2013) -- For the 40th anniversary of Country Music supergroup Alabama, Lightning Rod Records assembled a wide variety of artists to record covers of their hits and lesser-known album cuts. *High Cotton: A Tribute To Alabama* features artists ranging from legendary gospel blues group Blind Boys of Alabama to gritty Memphis rockers Lucero to country soul shouter JD McPherson who put their unique spin on the Alabama repertoire.

The winding track listing of Alabama's catalog take listeners through Texas heroes like Wade Bowen and Jason Boland and the Stragglers to Generation Y performers like Jessica Lea Mayfield and her ethereal rendition of "I'm In A Hurry." Old Crow Medicine Show showcase the number one song "Dixieland Delight."

Executive producer Logan Rogers has long been an Alabama fan and isn't alone in his excitement to hear the finished product: "It seems too good to be true for me to get some of my favorite bands to record Alabama songs. It was clear that all these artists share my genuine love and respect for Alabama's body of work, and this album exceeded all my expectations." Recorded in the south between Muscle Shoals, Athens, and Nashville, this record breathes the respect and love that these performers have for supergroup Alabama.

A select number of the participating artists will pay tribute to Alabama live on Saturday, September 21st at Grimey's New and Preloved Music in Nashville as part of Americanarama.

EVENTS:

Saturday, September 21 - Americana Music Association Festival
Americanarama
Grimey's New and Preloved Music
1604 8th Ave South
Nashville, Tennessee

QUOTES FROM THE ARTISTS:

"They wrote songs that made a lasting impression on the Southland. If that's all my music could do, I'd be proud to have done it."

- Ketch Secor, Old Crow Medicine show in American Songwriter Magazine

"There's a reason Alabama is the biggest country band of all time: The songs they recorded are great reflections on what it's like to live and love in the South."

- Jason Isbell

"Alabama's music is part of the country music catalogue that represents my childhood. They really have great songs, and it's nice to see that those songs haven't been lost or forgotten. Also, if you didn't notice, they use and showcase the fiddle. More folks should incorporate fiddles in their bands, for some reason it works..."

- Amanda Shires

"Alabama was a family favorite in my household growing up. My older sisters were obsessed and took me to every concert they could so I became a huge fan myself. To pay tribute to them is for sure a dream come true. Very honored!"

- Wade Bowen

LINKS:

Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/lightning-rod-records-1/sets/high-cotton-a-tribute-to/s-Pb8BO>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lightningrodrecords

Twitter: www.twitter.com/lightningrodrec

Website: www.lightningrodrecords.com

Track listing:

Why Lady Why – JD McPherson

Dixieland Delight – Old Crow Medicine Show

If You're Gonna Play in Texas (You Gotta Have A Fiddle In The Band) – Turnpike Troubadours

Old Flame – Jason Isbell and John Paul White

High Cotton – T. Hardy Morris

I Can't Love You Any Less – Amanda Shires

I'm In A Hurry (And Don't Know Why) – Jessica Lea Mayfield

Lady Down On Love – Bob Schneider and Texas Bluegrass Massacre w/ Ray Benson

Roll On (Eighteen Wheeler) – Shonna Tucker

The Closer You Get – Lucero

Feels So Right – Todd Snider and Elizabeth Cook

Love in the First Degree – Wade Bowen and Brandy Clark

Mountain Music – Jason Boland and The Stragglers

Christmas in Dixie – Blind Boys of Alabama

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