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**2016 IS A MILESTONE YEAR FOR SHOVELS & ROPE FOLLOWING  
RELEASE OF ACCLAIMED NEW WEST DEBUT *LITTLE SEEDS* AN  
UPCOMING CONAN APPEARANCE ON NOVEMBER 29 AND MORE**

**CHARLESTON, SC DUO CURATES FIRST ANNUAL  
HIGH WATER FESTIVAL IN HOMETOWN APRIL 23 & 24**

***"From birth to death and back to birth again, Hearst and Trent take us through the entire cycle of life on 'Little Seeds'." - NPR Music***

Nashville, TN – 2016 has been a banner year thus far for Shovels & Rope, the celebrated duo of Cary Ann Hearst and Michael Trent, following the October 7 release of their latest album *Little Seeds* (New West). *Little Seeds* has received the highest critical praise of any the duo's acclaimed previous albums, with many saying it is their finest work. *Relix* called it, "...their most personal and powerful album to date." and *Garden & Gun*, referred to the collection as, "Their richest and most personal album to date...". *Little Seeds* also reached the #1 spot on the Americana Radio Chart.

The diverse range of press support included *The New York Times*, *NPR Music*, *Noisey*, *Flood*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *No Depression*, *American Songwriter*, *Paste*, *Rolling Stone Country* and much more ([See Highlights](#)) including this recent interview and performance on the acclaimed *CBC Radio* program *q* ([Listen Here](#)). Shovels & Rope will appear on *Conan* on November 29.

In advance of the album, Shovels & Rope released three powerful, unique and original videos. The quirky "[I Know](#)" showcased deep bitterness and jealousy behind the scenes at a drag queen beauty contest, the ambitious "[Botched Execution](#)" features a bounty hunter and escaped convict filmed in a comic book noir style and the gorgeous "[St. Anne's Parade](#)" features Hearst and Trent shot during a friend's touching wedding parade on the streets of New Orleans.

Shovels & Rope's recent tour has seen many highlights thus far, including a milestone three sold out shows in New York City last month where they played to passionate crowds who sang along enthusiastically to old and new songs. The couple recently announced a two-night return to Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium in February, where they headlined a sold out performance in 2014. ([See Tour Dates](#)).

On November 14, Shovels & Rope announced the inaugural High Water Festival, a two-day event in their hometown of Charleston, SC curated by the Hearst,

Trent and their manager Paul Bannister, in partnership with AC Entertainment. Artists include, The Shins, The Avett Brothers, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Dawes, Lucius, Margo Price, Charles Bradley & His Extraordinaires and many more. The experience will include Charleston chef-curated food, local craft beer and more. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit local non-profits [The Green Heart Project](#), [Charleston Waterkeeper](#), and [Water Mission](#). For tickets and information go to <http://www.highwaterfest.com>.

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