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**ACCLAIMED SINGER-SONGWRITER MARY GAUTHIER TO RELEASE
HER MOST IMPORTANT WORK TO DATE
RIFLES & ROSARY BEADS ON JANUARY 26TH, 2018**

**NEW ALBUM CO-WRITTEN WITH WOUNDED VETERANS TELLS
DEEPLY POWERFUL AND PERSONAL STORIES OF
STRUGGLES ABROAD AND AT HOME**

"...her razor-sharp eye for detail and her commitment to unsentimental self-reflection puts her in a class with greats such as Kris Kristofferson, John Prine and yes, Bob Dylan." – **Los Angeles Times**

Nashville, TN – Acclaimed singer-songwriter Mary Gauthier will release her most important work to date with *Rifles & Rosary Beads* on January 26th, 2018 via Thirty Tigers. Co-written with U.S. veterans and their families, the eleven deeply personal songs on this album reveal the untold stories, and powerful struggles that these veterans and their spouses deal with abroad and after returning home.

Each year it is estimated that over 7400 current and former members of the United States Armed Services take their own lives. The songs featured on *Rifles & Rosary Beads* were all co-written as part of SongwritingWith:Soldiers, a non-profit program that facilitates retreats bringing professional songwriters together with wounded veterans and active duty military. Participants have shared that the experience of songwriting was life changing for them, some even said life saving.

No stranger to pain or demons herself, Gauthier has used songwriting to work through addiction and childhood abandonment as an orphan. This is the first album where she has focused solely on experiences other than her own. The songs on *Rifles & Rosary Beads* tackle a variety of viewpoints. "The War After The War" deals with the strain put on a relationship while living with someone who has returned from serving, while "Iraq" depicts the helpless horror of a female military mechanic being dehumanized and sexually harassed by fellow soldiers. The gorgeous album highlight "Bullet Holes In the Sky" is a bittersweet reflection on the mixed emotions of being a veteran.

Mary Gauthier has received countless critical accolades over the last decade and a half for her seven studio albums and captivating live performances. Her previous album *Trouble & Love* was praised by the press, including glowing coverage from outlets including *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Los Angeles Times*, *NPR Music*, *Huffington Post*, *American Songwriter* and many more. Mary also visited *NPR's Fresh Air* for a sit down interview with Terry Gross, which made for a compelling program (click **HERE** to listen).

Mary Gauthier is helping veterans share experiences that only they can understand, in a way that we as listeners can relate to. This process not only has the power to touch others but also to help soldiers take a step towards healing, while at the same time creating beautiful art.

MARY GAUTHIER TOUR DATES

- 10/20/17 - **Exeter, NH** - The Word Barn
- 10/21/17 - **Rockport, MA** - Old Sloop Coffeehouse
- 10/26/17 - **East Lansing, MI** - Pump House Concerts
- 10/27/17 - **Ann Arbor, MI** - Greenwood Coffeehouse
- 11/30/17 - **Nashville, TN** - The Bluebird Cafe
- 1/12–1/14/18 - **South Walton, FL** - 30A Songwriters Festival
- 2/7–2/8/18 - **NYC, NY** - City Vineyard at Pier 26
- 2/9/18 - **Boston, MA** - City Winery
- 2/10/18 - **Vienna, VA** - Jammin Java
- 2/23/18 - **Franklin, TN** - Franklin Theatre
- 3/8/18 - **Chicago, IL** - Old Town School of Folk Music: Szold Hall
- 3/9/18 - **Columbus, OH** - Columbus Performing Arts Center
- 3/12/18 - **Pittsburgh, PA** - Club Cafe
- 4/2018 - **Marblehead, MA** - Me & Thee Coffeehouse
- 4/21/18 - **Hastings on Hudson, NY** - Common Ground Coffeehouse
- 4/27/18 - **Hartford, CT** - Meeting House Presents
- 4/28/18 - **Portsmouth, RI** - Common Fence Point Community Hall

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