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**LUCERO'S "LONG WAY BACK HOME" INSPIRES SHORT FILM
DIRECTED BY JEFF NICHOLS AND STARRING MICHAEL SHANNON,
PREMIERED EXCLUSIVELY VIA VULTURE**

**SEMINAL BAND CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY AS NEW ALBUM
AMONG THE GHOSTS RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE FROM THE PRESS**

"While Lucero had nothing to fix, they still managed to build upon what's become one of rock music's strongest foundations...It's the loving, craftsman-like work of the rare kind of band with enough spirit to fill an arena, but with its heart planted firmly in the garage." – NPR Music

Nashville, TN – Lucero's new song "Long Way Back Home" is the inspiration for a new short film, written and directed by renowned filmmaker Jeff Nichols (*Shotgun Series, Take Shelter, Mud, Midnight Special, Loving*) and shot by cinematographer Adam Stone. The track is off of the band's celebrated new release *Among the Ghosts*. View *Long Way Back Home*, featured yesterday via exclusive premiere at *Vulture* [HERE](#).

Lucero songwriter and frontman Ben Nichols teamed up with his brother (and filmmaker), Jeff Nichols, to create *Long Way Back Home*, a short film inspired by the band's song of the same name. The film tells the story of Stanton, portrayed by Academy Award-nominated actor Michael Shannon (who also appears on *Among the Ghosts*), as he searches the streets and backroads of Memphis for his two younger brothers, played by Garrett Hedlund and Scoot McNairy. Intensity builds to the sounds of Lucero's track as questions arise about the intentions of Shannon's character. Is he searching for his brothers or hunting them down? *Long Way Back Home* also features appearances by actor Paul Sparks and the members of Lucero. The film was produced by Sarah Green and Erin Freeman and shot in both the band's hometown of Memphis, TN and the Nichols brothers' home state of Arkansas.

Among the Ghosts was released earlier this month to widespread acclaim from press, including *NPR Music, Paste Magazine, Rolling Stone Country, Billboard, Noisey, UPROXX* and more. Lucero's ninth studio album finds the group back in their element, revisiting the straight up rock n' roll of their early days to deliver one of the finest albums of their career, and critics agree. The band strikes the right balance of nuance and grit, as they consistently push their sound forward while paying homage to their seminal influences. Here's what the press has been saying:

"[Ben] Nichols' maturity is obvious, though he's as vulnerable as ever...The effect is more sophisticated without losing the rawness that always gave Lucero its edge — which might just make this the band's finest album yet." – Associated Press

"...'Among The Ghosts' is a gritty collection of just ten songs, brimming with ferocity and attitude...it's almost Springsteen-esque in flavor with a working-class view of the world..."
– UPROXX

“...on ‘Among The Ghosts’, the band sounds tighter, more intuitive and incisive than when they started in 1998. Nichols and Lucero connect with the skill and indescribable bond that only a group who has weathered professional ups and downs of 20 years brings.”

★★★★ – American Songwriter

View more press highlights [HERE](#).

In celebration of their 20th anniversary and successful new album, Lucero will hit the road this fall, touring across the country through November before heading to the UK in December. See a full list of U.S. tour dates below.

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LUCERO 2018 TOUR DATES

September 7 - **Nashville, TN** - Ryman Auditorium
September 15 - **Asbury Park, NJ** - The Stone Pony *
September 20-21 - **Atlanta, GA** - Terminal West
September 22 – **St. Augustine, FL** – Sing Out Loud Festival
September 23 - **Tampa, FL** - Ritz Ybor
September 25 - **Charleston, SC** - Pour House
September 26 - **Birmingham, AL** - Saturn
September 28 - **Chicago, IL** - Metro
September 29 - **Minneapolis, MN** - First Avenue
September 30 - **Peoria, IL** - Monarch Music Hall
October 2 - **Detroit, MI** - St. Andrew’s Hall
October 3 - **Akron, OH** - Musica
October 4 - **Columbus, OH** - Skully’s
October 5 - **Cincinnati, OH** - Cathedral at Cincinnati Masonic Center
October 6-7 – **Memphis, TN** – Mempho Music Fest
October 10 - **Charlottesville, VA** - Jefferson Theater
October 11 - **Philadelphia, PA** - Union Transfer
October 12 - **Brooklyn, NY** - Warsaw
October 13 - **Boston, MA** - Paradise Rock Club
October 14 - **Washington D.C.** - 9:30 Club
November 2 - **Dallas, TX** - The Rustic
November 5 – **Phoenix, AZ** – Crescent Ballroom
November 7 - **San Diego, CA** – The Observatory
November 8 – **Los Angeles, CA** – El Rey Theatre
November 9 - **San Francisco, CA** - The Warfield
November 10 - **Portland, OR** - Dante’s
November 11 - **Seattle, WA** - The Showbox
November 13 - **Missoula, MT** - The Wilma
November 15 – **Fort Collins, CO** – Washington’s
November 16 - **Kansas City, MO** - Madrid Theatre
November 17-18 - **St. Louis, MO** - Off Broadway

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