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**KELLER WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES NEW STUDIO ALBUM,  
SPEED, RELEASING NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**NEW KELLER & THE KEELS COLLABORATION FEATURES COVERS OF SONGS  
BY THE DOORS, KACEY MUSGRAVES, FIONA APPLE, WEEZER & MORE**

***"Williams inhabits an equal parts entrancing and perplexing center of a Venn diagram that includes...bluegrass, jamgrass, musical humorism, satire, and instrumental prowess that combines flatpicking sensibility with Phil Keaggy-style ingenuity." – The Bluegrass Situation***

Nashville, TN – Keller Williams has announced the release of his 25<sup>th</sup> studio album, *SPEED*, which is due out on November 22nd. The new record features Williams with his Bluegrass outfit, Keller & The Keels, as they reinterpret popular songs by celebrated artists including The Doors, Kacey Musgraves, Fiona Apple, Weezer and more.

Known for their unique musical approach, Keller & The Keels sees Williams on vocals, joined by progressive flatpicker Larry Keel and bassist Jenny Keel. *SPEED* is the trio's third collaboration together - following their 2006 release *GRASS* and 2012's all-covers album *THIEF* - and features a combination of originals and covers including Fiona Apple's "Criminal", Kacey Musgraves' "Slow Burn" and Weezer's "Island In The Sun", performed in their trademark psychedelic Appalachian bluegrass style. Of the record Williams says, "This project is nothing but fun. At least for us. When we first started playing together, we vowed not to gig too much, so it will be special every time we would pick. This record documents this theory perfectly. One of Larry's, one of mine and a bunch of covers that chose me. Long live the Keels." All album pre-orders made via Keller's online store [HERE](#) will be entered into a pre-order contest (details to be announced soon).

Williams recently announced an extensive Fall tour, which includes solo shows and dates with other ensembles. The tour kicks off on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte, North Carolina. Keller & The Keels will celebrate the release of *SPEED* during Williams' annual Thanksforgrassgiving holiday celebrations, which begin out West at The Ogden Theatre in Denver on November 23, before heading East for two performances in Richmond, VA, and Washington, D.C. He'll then reconnect with The Keels, as well as his Grateful Grass ensemble featuring The Hillbenders, for two New Year's Eve shows at Old Rock House in St. Louis. (see a full list of tour dates below).

Keller Williams' dynamic and unpredictable live performances, along with his ability to seamlessly transition between genres, has earned him a loyal cult following as well as praise from press, including *Billboard*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Relix*, *Acoustic Guitar* and more. Williams has upheld his reputation as an artistic force, building a prolific career which spans 24 albums and multiple creative endeavors. After the release of his instrumental album *SANS* in 2018 and his most recent record *Add* (out May 31st), *SPEED* once again showcases Williams' masterful penchant for collaboration and innovation and proves he's not planning to slow down any time soon.

View Keller Williams' Press Kit Here: <https://alleyesmedia.com/clients/keller-williams/>

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### **Keller Williams 2019 Fall Tour Dates**

September 13 – **Charlotte, NC** – Sounds of Summer \*  
September 14 – **Lexington VA** – Lime Kiln Theater \*  
September 19-21 – **Slippery Rock, PA** – Resonance Music & Arts Festival  
September 22 – **East Aurora, NY** – Borderland Music and Arts Festival ^  
September 26 – **Waterville, ME** – Waterville Opera House  
September 27 – **Brownfield, ME** – Stone Mountain Arts Center  
September 28 – **Derry, NH** – Tupelo Music Hall  
October 11 – **Eureka Springs, AR** – Hillberry “The Harvest Moon Festival” \*  
October 12 – **Live Oak, FL** – Sewanee Roots Festival \*  
October 17 – **Columbus, OH** – Woodlands Tavern  
October 18 – **Detroit, MI** – St. Andrew’s Hall  
October 19 – **Grand Rapids, MI** – The Intersection  
October 24 – **Albany, NY** – Skyloft  
October 25 – **Syracuse, NY** – Westcott Theater  
October 26 – **Holyoke, MA** – Gateway City Arts  
November 1 – **New Orleans, LA** – Tipitina’s \*  
November 2 – **Asbury Park, NJ** – The Stone Pony  
November 7 – **Edmonds, WA** – Edmonds Center for the Arts #  
November 8 – **Bremerton, WA** – Admiral Theatre #  
November 9 – **Portland, OR** – Wonder Ballroom #  
November 10 – **Bend, OR** – Tower Theatre #  
November 14 – **Pawtucket, RI** – The Met  
November 15 – **South Burlington, VT** – Higher Ground Ballroom  
November 16 – **Boston, MA** – Paradise Rock Club  
November 22 – **Santa Fe, NM** – Meow Wolf  
November 23 – **Denver, CO** – The Ogden Theatre @  
November 29 – **Richmond, VA** – The National ~  
November 30 – **Washington, DC** – The Hamilton ~  
December 5 – **Brevard, NC** – 185 King Street  
December 6 – **Carrboro, NC** – The Arts Center  
December 27 – **Savannah, GA** – Southbound Brewing  
December 28 – **Atlanta, GA** – Terminal West  
December 30 – **St Louis, MO** – Old Rock House \*  
December 31 – **St Louis, MO** – Old Rock House %

\* with Keller & The Keels

^ with Grateful Grass ft. The Infamous Stringdusters and Oteil Burbridge

# featuring Keller Williams’ Pettygrass

@ with Grateful Grass, Keller & The Keels, Love Canon

% with Grateful Grass ft. The Hillbenders

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