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**ALT-COUNTRY PIONEERS SON VOLT CONTINUE TO INSPIRE AND CHALLENGE
ON *ELECTRO MELODIER* OUT JULY 30TH**

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SELECT SUMMER/FALL TOUR DATES

“Jay Farrar... is one of the best to find his way into the great Americana songbook today.” - American Songwriter

Nashville, TN – Son Volt, one of the most influential bands of their generation, has announced the July 30th release of their tenth studio album, *Electro Melodier* (Transmit Sound/Thirty Tigers). The title, taken from the names of two vintage amplifiers from the late ‘40s and early ‘50s, also describes the album’s unique blend of folk, country, blues, soul and rock. Listen to rocking first track “[Reverie](#)” and pre-order *Electro Melodier* [HERE](#).

The follow-up to 2019’s acclaimed release *Union*, *Electro Melodier* finds band founder Jay Farrar’s unparalleled songwriting as poignant and intelligent as ever. *Electro Melodier* touches on the thought-provoking issues that impact us all, including the pandemic, love, and the inevitable passing of time. The current political divide makes its appearance on the album as well. “I wanted to concentrate on the melodies which got me into music in the first place,” says Farrar. “I wanted politics to take a back seat this time, but it always seems to find a way back in there.”

“Livin’ in the USA” echoes protest songs of old, highlighting both the breakdown of our culture and planet. “Share a little truth with your neighbor down the block, We’ve all got fossil fuel lungs while we run out the clock,” Farrar sings. “The Globe” reverberates with the tensions that arise with the fight for equality. “People climbing skyward stairs, Deciders of their fate, You can see it everywhere, Change is in the air...” The sentimental “Diamonds and Cigarettes,” featuring vocals by country singer Laura Cantrell, lovingly pays homage to his wife, while “Lucky Ones” is a weary tale of gratitude.

Electro Melodier features band members Mark Spencer (piano, organ, acoustic slide, lap steel, backing vocals) Andrew DuPlantis (bass, backing vocals), Chris Frame (guitar) Mark Patterson (drums, percussion). Son Volt will take *Electro Melodier* on the road with select tour date in summer and fall. See below and for tickets go to <https://sonvolt.net/>.

Farrar started Son Volt in 1994 after leaving the seminal group Uncle Tupelo, whose *No Depression* album helped define the alt-country and Americana genre. Son Volt's debut *Trace* was heavily lauded and remains a defining document of the '90s alt-country movement. Two decades later, the group continue to decidedly capture the times while breaking new musical ground on *Electro Melodier*.

SON VOLT TOUR DATES

- 8/7 - Open Highway Music Festival - St. Louis
- 8/20 - Fitzgerald's - Berwyn, IL
- 9/9 - George's Majestic - Fayetteville, AR
- 9/10 - Diamondhead Music Fest - Tahlequah, OK
- 9/11 - Knuckleheads - Kansas City, KS - MO
- 9/18 - Ludlow Garage - Cincinnati, OH
- 9/19 - Headliners - Louisville, KY
- 9/23 - Visulite - Charlotte, NC
- 9/24 - Haw River Ballroom - Saxapahaw, NC
- 9/26 - Graceland Guest House Theater - Memphis, TN

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