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**COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME SINGER CONNIE SMITH  
RECEIVES CRITICAL PRAISE FOR NEW ALBUM *THE CRY OF THE HEART***

**54<sup>TH</sup> CAREER RELEASE, PRODUCED BY MARTY STUART**

**VIEW THE COMPELLING *THE CRY OF THE HEART* DOCUMENTARY SHORT ON  
YOUTUBE [HERE](#)**

***"...her 54<sup>th</sup> album, 'The Cry of the Heart'...shows why she remains one of the  
most lauded vocalists in country music."* – Associated Press**

Nashville, TN – Country music legend Connie Smith is as vital as ever with her latest album, *The Cry of the Heart* (Fat Possum) her 54<sup>th</sup> release and first in nearly a decade, produced by Marty Stuart. In addition, Fat Possum has released *The Cry of the Heart* documentary short online, which depicts the journey of this beloved artist from humble beginnings to the brightest spotlight, while never compromising her music or who she is at her core. Watch [HERE](#) and listen to *The Cry of the Heart* [HERE](#).

Upon its release, *The Cry of the Heart* received high critical praise running throughout the US and overseas, including a segment on [NPR All Things Considered](#) and major features in *The New York Times*, *Billboard*, *People.com*, *Paste*, *Wide Open Country*, *American Songwriter* and more. Other positive coverage ran in media outlets such as *The Associated Press*, *No Depression*, *UNCUT*, *The Sun*, *The Independent* and others.

***"...this Country Music Hall of Famer's brassy powerhouse of a voice—first heard on her  
forlorn 1964 "Once a Day" debut single, and one of the most unique in Nashville—  
remains undiminished on 'Cry'."* – Paste**

***"...the familiar timbre, phrasing — and, most of all, emotion — still resonate from one of  
Country's most powerful voices."* – People.com**

***"Like prior Smith albums featuring Stuart as a songwriter, musician and producer, the  
new set of songs upholds the couple's classic country leanings while enticing fans of  
current country and Americana to sit, listen and learn."* – Wide Open Country**

***"From heartbreaking balladry ("Spare Me No Truth Tonight") to tear-jerking honky-tonk  
("Look Out Heart"), Smith's vibrant, emotional voice is as formidable as ever."  
– UN CUT***

***"Though fashions change, great songs — and great singers — never really go out of  
style. On 'The Cry of the Heart', Connie Smith proves that once again."  
– No Depression***

Smith has been consistently fanning the country music flames since her first hit single in 1964, "Once A Day" and has carried the torch ever since. In March of 2021 the Library of Congress announced that "Once a Day" was one of the 2020 selections for its National Recording Registry. "People ask me, 'What is country music,'" says Smith. "I say, 'To me, country music is the cry of the heart.' We all have these experiences in our hearts and I'm trying to identify and communicate with people so they know they're not alone."

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