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**IRIS DEMENT OFFERS HOPE IN TROUBLED TIMES ON TRANSCENDENT NEW
ALBUM *WORKIN' ON A WORLD* OUT FEBRUARY 24**

**ASPIRATIONAL "*WORKIN' ON A WORLD*" AND
BOLD "*GOING DOWN TO SING IN TEXAS*" OUT TODAY**

"Grounded in hymns, early country songs, gospel and folk, DeMent's work is treasured by those who know it for its insight and unabashed beauty." – NPR

Nashville, TN – On February 24th, acclaimed singer/songwriter Iris DeMent contemplates the external and internal issues of our world with her seventh album, the inspiring *Workin' On A World*. During the course of her celebrated career, the pioneering artist has continued to evolve as she thoughtfully touches on the critical moments in our lives. On *Workin' On A World*, her songs are her way of healing our broken inner and outer spaces.

DeMent sets the stage for the album with the title track in which she moves from a sense of despair towards a place of promise. "Now I'm workin' on a world I may never see / Joinin' forces with the warriors of love / Who came before and will follow you and me." "Going Down To Sing in Texas" is an ode not only to gun control, but also to the brave folks who speak out against tyranny and endure the consequences in an unjust world. Listen via DSPs [HERE](#).

Workin' on a World features some of DeMent's most poignant songs to date. She summons various social justice warriors, both past and present, to deliver messages of optimism. "How Long" references Martin Luther King, while "Warriors of Love" includes John Lewis and Rachel Corrie. DeMent grapples with loss on the deeply honest "I Won't Ask You Why," while encouraging compassion over hate in the awe-inspiring "Say A Good Word." Album closer "Waycross, Georgia," encompasses the end of the journey, thanking those along the way.

The album was created over the course of six years with co-producers Richard Bennett, Jim Rooney and Pieta Brown. After putting down the work during the pandemic, DeMent revisited the recordings and shared them with Brown, who urged DeMent to return to the studio. Together they wrote "The Sacred Now" and "I Won't Ask You Why" and finished the recording with Bennett in Nashville, TN in April 2022.

Iris Dement's debut album *Infamous Angel* in 1992 has been hailed as one of *Rolling Stone's* Greatest Country Albums of All Time and one of *Pitchfork's* Best Albums of the 1990s. DeMent has earned numerous Grammy nominations and awards, along with the respect of peers/collaborators John Prine, Steve Earle, Emmylou Harris and others. *The Guardian* has called her "one of the finest singer-songwriters in America," while *NPR* called her "one of the great voices in contemporary popular music."

Iris DeMent U.S. Tour Dates

Feb 17 – **Notre Dame, IN** – DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
March 9 – **Lafayette, LA** – Acadania Center for the Arts
March 10 – **Houston, TX** – The Heights Theater
March 11 – **Austin, TX** – The 04 Center
March 12 – **Dallas, TX** – The Kessler
April 28 – **Grass Valley, CA** – Center for the Arts
May 12 – **Green Lake, WI** – Thrasher Opera House
May 13 – **Stoughton, WI** – Stoughton Opera House
May 14 – **Eau Claire, WI** – Jamf Theatre

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