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**SHOVELS & ROPE PLAY ARTIST AND AUDIENCE  
WHILE REVEALING NEW TALENT IN VIDEO FOR “THE SHOW”  
OFF NEW ALBUM *MANTICORE* WATCH [HERE](#)**

**LATEST 10-SONG RELEASE GARNERS CRITICAL ACCLAIM**

***“The new 10-tune set rivals their best work...” – Associated Press***

***“...brims with the boundless ambition of two people still striving to make each release a masterpiece.” – American Songwriter***

Nashville, TN – Celebrated duo Shovels & Rope have released the spirited new video for their song “The Show”, off their critically acclaimed new album *Manticore*.

The new clip features the duo of Cary Ann Hearst and Michael Trent playing the role of both the performers and the audience in an intimate theatre setting. The clip begins with Hearst and Trent deep in thought in their dressing room pre-show before heading to the stage. What follows is unlike anything seen from Shovels & Rope as the couple breaks into a beautifully choreographed dance routine, to both the dismay and eventual approval of a judgmental audience. The video is thoughtful and absolutely joyful. View it [HERE](#)

Hearst and Trent offer some insight, “You wanna take a ride inside our mind and watch something meta-tastic and microminutatic? Wanna see what’s lurking in the gray matter? How are these synapses firing? Who is allowing for this? We don’t know the answers. We are just two piles of molecules that are firing off millions of electric sparks at a time all day long without hardly trying and for seemingly no reason at all except that we are all part of the web of wonder that exists just because. Knowing this, maybe we critique our free selves too harshly. From now on we want to be like the dancers, not the watchers.”

Released in February, *Manticore* is Shovels & Rope’s most personal, intimate and revealing album yet. The 10-song offering received high praise from the press, including *The Associated Press*, *Rolling Stone Country*, *Relix*, *No Depression*, *Atwood Magazine*, *Magnet*, *American Songwriter*, *Glide*, *The Boot* and much more ([See Highlights](#)) Shovels & Rope was also featured in a segment on [NPR's Here & Now](#).

***“...this is what stands out about ‘Manticore’ more than anything: Shovels & Rope are becoming masters at emoting over simple narratives that make their words sound even more profound...it’s just as intense musically and it is emotionally.” - Relix***

***“The Americana power couple of Michael Trent and Cary Ann Hearst imagine divorce and dissect fame on their most personal record yet” – Rolling Stone Country***

*“A vulnerable and visceral exploration of the human experience...’Manticore’ is a sweeping, dramatic, poignantly beautiful musical portrait of real life: The kind that’s messy and the kind that hurts...both intimate and epic” – Atwood Magazine*

See the remaining dates of the first leg of the *Manticore* Tour below.

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## **SHOVELS & ROPE FIRST LEG US TOUR DATES**

- April 5 – **Albany, NY** – The Egg
- April 6 – **Boston, MA** – Paradise Rock Club
- April 8 – **South Orange, NJ** – South Orange Performing Arts Center
- April 9 – **Brooklyn, NY** – Brooklyn, Bowl
- April 12 – **Philadelphia, PA** – Brooklyn Bowl Philadelphia
- April 13 – **Charlottesville, VA** – Jefferson Theater
- April 15 – **Saxapahaw, NC** – Haw River Ballroom
- April 16 – **Wilmington, NC** – Greenfield Lake Amphitheater
- April 22 – **Charleston, SC** – Music Farm
- April 23 – **Charleston, SC** – High Water Festival
- April 24 – **Charleston, SC** – High Water Festival
- April 30 – **Tuscaloosa, AL** – Thompson’s Point

**More dates to come!**

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