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**LEGENDARY COUNTRY ARTIST CONNIE SMITH RELEASES VINYL AND CD  
VERSIONS OF HER NEW ALBUM *LOVE, PRISON, WISDOM AND HEARTACHES*  
ON FAT POSSUM RECORDS**

**COLLECTION FEATURES CAPTIVATING INTERPRETATIONS OF COUNTRY  
CLASSICS BY LORETTA LYNN, MERLE HAGGARD, GEORGE JONES AND  
OTHERS**

***“There’s really only three real female singers: Barbra Streisand, Linda Ronstadt,  
and Connie Smith. The rest of us are only pretending.” – Dolly Parton***

***“If you’re talking about a country singer, there ain’t nobody better.”  
– Merle Haggard***

Nashville, TN – Today, County Music Hall of Fame singer Connie Smith releases the vinyl and cd versions of her 55th album *Love, Prison, Wisdom and Heartaches* on Fat Possum Records. On the album, Smith reinterprets songs that were originally sung, played or written by fellow country legends; Dottie West, Skeeter Davis, Liz Anderson, The Glaser Brothers, Loretta Lynn, Jim & Jesse, George Jones, Roy Acuff, Merle Haggard and Dallas Frazier. By revisiting these classics, she not only pays homage to the original artists but also adds her own unique voice and interpretation to the music, keeping it alive for new generations of listeners. Purchase and listen to *Love, Prison, Wisdom and Heartaches* [HERE](#).

Press has raved about Smith and *Love, Prison, Wisdom and Heartaches*:

***“Smith’s voice is still an instrument of formidable power and style, while this  
gorgeous record is an essential listen for fans of old-school country.”  
– Billboard***

***“Smith has created a stunning collection of classic country songs that will surely  
please those who long for the traditional sound.”  
– American Songwriter***

And while some may feel like these songs should stay as they are, Smith brings fresh perspective to these beloved tunes, infusing them with emotion and depth that resonate with audiences old and new. Producer (and husband) Marty Stuart: “When the concept came along of Connie recording this particular collection of songs I said, ‘Convince me.

They were done right the first time.’ But, when I heard her sing them, I was more than convinced. In truth, Connie redefined some of these songs and delivered them into an entirely new stratosphere.”

On *Love, Prison, Wisdom and Heartaches*, Smith reunites with her longtime collaborators Gary Carter on steel guitar, along with Hargus “Pig” Robbins on piano, which was his last effort with Smith before he passed in 2022. Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives back up Connie throughout the enthralling collection.

An eleven-time Grammy nominee, Smith has been consistently carrying the country music torch since her 1964 hit single, “Once a Day.” In March of 2021, the Library of Congress announced that “Once a Day” was one of the 2020 selections for its National Recording Registry. Connie has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1965 and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2012.

*Love, Prison, Wisdom and Heartaches* Track Listing

1. The Other Side of You
2. Once More
3. One of These Days
4. If You Won’t Tell on Me (I Won’t Tell on You)
5. Drifting And Dreaming of You
6. Country Girl
7. World of Forgotten People
8. Seattle
9. The Fugitive
10. End of the World
11. Beneath Still Waters
12. The Wayward Wind

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