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**SHOVELS & ROPE EXERCISE 'LESS MEANS MORE' ON ROCK HEAVY  
NEW ALBUM *SOMETHING IS WORKING UP ABOVE MY HEAD*  
OUT SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> ON DUALTONE RECORDS**

**ACCLAIMED CHARLESTON, SC DUO ANNOUNCE FALL TOUR AND RELEASE  
TWO NEW TRACKS FROM FORTHCOMING ALBUM  
LISTEN TO INTENSE MURDER BALLAD "**COLORADO RIVER**"  
AND WATCH THE MOVING VIDEO FOR "**LOVE SONG FROM A DOG**"**

NASHVILLE, TN – Less is more. It is an ideal that has always defined Shovels & Rope, the critically acclaimed, award-winning husband and wife duo of Cary Ann Hearst and Michael Trent. Their intimate and incendiary live performances can exude the sound and energy of a six-piece live band or command the 'pin drop' attention of an audience at any given moment. That ideal may have never been more apropos than on their new album *Something Is Working Up Above My Head* (out September 6<sup>th</sup> on Dualtone Records).

For their sixth studio album, the self-contained, DIY band from Charleston, SC chose to simplify their recording process more than usual by only utilizing instrumentation they can recreate live as a two-piece, their only live configuration. This is in opposition to recording first, then working out the arrangements for the performances. The resulting *Something Is Working Up Above My Head* finds Hearst and Trent leaning heavier into the rock and punk roots that have always been foundational to the signature sound of Shovels & Rope.

While *Something Is Working Up Above My Head* may offer a slight sonic shift, Hearst and Trent remain storytellers. The album is full of character-driven narratives and cinematic vignettes of flawed protagonists who are often derailed by their shortcomings. The first new single "Colorado River" is a classic Shovels & Rope murder ballad ripe with vivid imagery, drama and tension as the truth slowly begins to reveal itself (listen [HERE](#)). The second new single is the heart-wrenching "Love Song From A Dog," featuring Gregory Alan Isakov on backing vocals. Initially, the duo had no plans for the track until they randomly decided to add it to their set one night while opening for Isakov. They were overwhelmed by the audience's response that evening, on social media, and in following performances since the debut, as the song continued to resonate deeply. Watch the beautiful video for "Love Song From A Dog" [HERE](#).

Album opener "Something Is Working" and closer "Dass Hymn" (referring to Ram Dass) were written and added to the album last. Appropriately, the album begins and ends asking questions – whether spiritual, metaphysical or pragmatic – about who or what is actually in control.

Shovels & Rope have announced a tour in support of *Something Is Working Up Above My Head*. See full list of dates below.

Pre-order *Something Is Working Up Above My Head* [HERE](#)

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### Shovels & Rope Tour Dates

- June 14 – **Gulfport, MS** – iMPCAC
- June 22 – **Milwaukee, WI** – Summerfest
- June 27 – **Black Mountain, NC** – Pisgah Brewing Company
- July 13 – **Whitefish, MT** – Under the Big Sky Festival
- July 26 – **Newport, RI** – Newport Folk Festival
- Sept. 11 – **Charlotte, NC** – Neighborhood Theatre
- Sept. 13 – **Brooklyn, NY** – Music House of Williamsburg
- Sept. 14 – **Fort Hill, PA** – Deer Valley Folk Festival
- Sept. 15 – **Ardmore, PA** – Ardmore Music Hall
- Sept. 17 – **Portsmouth, NH** – 3S Artspace
- Sept. 18 – **Cambridge, MA** – The Sinclair
- Sept. 20 – **Toronto, ON** – Lee's Palace
- Sept. 21 – **Ferndale, MI** – The Magic Bag
- Sept. 22 – **Chicago, IL** – Lincoln Hall
- Sept. 24 – **St. Paul, MN** – Amsterdam
- Sept. 25 – **Des Moines, IA** – Wooly's
- Sept. 27 – **Omaha, NE** – The Waiting Room
- Sept. 28 – **Maquoketa, IA** – Codfish Hollow
- Sept. 29 – **Bloomington, IL** – The Castle Theatre
- Oct. 1 – **Louisville, KY** – Headliners Music Hall
- Oct. 2 – **Knoxville, TN** – Bijou Theatre
- Oct. 3-4 – **Charleston, SC** – Music Farm
- Dec. 4 – **Phoenix, AZ** – Crescent Ballroom
- Dec. 5 – **Solana Beach, CA** – Belly Up Tavern
- Dec. 6 – **Los Angeles, CA** – Teragram Ballroom
- Dec. 7 – **Menlo Park, CA** – The Guild Theatre
- Dec. 9 – **Portland, OR** – Wonder Ballroom
- Dec. 10 – **Seattle, WA** – Neumos
- Dec. 12 – **Salt Lake City, UT** – The Commonwealth Room
- Dec. 13 – **Denver, CO** – The Gothic Theatre
- Dec. 14 – **Aspen, CO** – Belly Up Aspen