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**AWARD-WINNING SINGER-SONGWRITER MATT ANDERSEN  
ANNOUNCES SOULFUL AND INTIMATE NEW ALBUM *THE HAMMER & THE ROSE*  
OUT APRIL 25TH VIA SONIC RECORDS**

**SPRING US TOUR ANNOUNCED  
TENDER TITLE TRACK RELEASED TODAY - WATCH VIDEO [HERE](#)**

***"...one of the most talented and distinctive singers in his roots-oriented genre."  
– American Songwriter***

Nashville, TN – Revered, award-winning Canadian singer, songwriter, guitarist Matt Andersen has announced the release of his forthcoming studio album, *The Hammer & The Rose*, out April 25th via Sonic Records, and a US spring tour (see dates below). Known for his prolific songwriting, powerhouse vocals and riveting performances, *The Hammer & The Rose* may be the most intimate and nuanced album in Andersen's celebrated body of work. Released today, the delicate title track provides an elegant metaphor for the push-and-pull relationship that often arises between the head and the heart. Click [HERE](#) to watch the in-studio video of "The Hammer & The Rose."

*The Hammer & The Rose* is the follow up to the aptly titled 2023 Juno-nominated album *The Big Bottle of Joy*. The project featured a full band complete with horns and backup singers, and garnered high praise by the press in Canada, the US, and Europe. *No Depression* stated, "This is music that spurs elation, songs that reinforce the love of listening and living," while *Glide Magazine* said, "Andersen has delivered as uplifting an album as you'll likely hear this year or any year..."

For *The Hammer & The Rose*, Andersen chose a different approach to the recording. Inspired by producer and percussionist Joshua Van Tassel, who emphasized how the timbre and texture of Andersen's voice shined during the quieter moments of his live performance, Andersen began to write new songs with a stripped-down feel in mind. The result is a captivating and deeply soulful 10-song offering that blends elements of folk, blues and gospel delivered with a warm and relaxed vibe.

Recorded live off the floor in Nova Scotia, Canada, Andersen enlisted an exceptional group of musicians/friends to capture his vision for *The Hammer & The Rose*, all of whom

are featured in the video of the recording. The album features Afie Jurvanen (acoustic guitar) and Christine Bougie (lap steel) from Bahamas, Aaron Comeau (keys), Kyle Cunjak (acoustic bass), with Van Tassel behind the boards and drum kit.

Matt Andersen brings a lifetime of music to every note he plays. Whether fronting a band or accompanied only by acoustic guitar, his powerful vocals combined with the charisma and command he exudes is completely mesmerizing. He has spent decades cutting his teeth in dusty clubs, dim-lit bars, and grand theatres all over the world, delivering moving performances that run the gamut from intimate to wall-shaking. His multi-faceted and poignant body of work - has led him to amass over 33 million streams on Spotify and 30 million views on YouTube. In addition to headlining major festivals, clubs and theatres throughout North America, Europe, and Australia, he has shared the stage and toured with Marcus King, Beth Hart, Marty Stuart, Greg Allman, Tedeschi Trucks Band, Randy Bachman, Serena Ryder, Tab Benoit, and more.

**Listen to the single “The Hammer & The Rose” on your preferred DSP: [HERE](#)  
Pre-save *The Hammer & The Rose*: [HERE](#)**

**Matt Andersen US Spring Tour  
w/Julian Taylor supporting**

- April 3 - **Seattle, WA** - The Triple Door
- April 4 - **Portland, OR** - The Showdown
- April 5 - **Baker City, OR** - Churchill School
- April 7 - **Novato, CA** - HopMonk Tavern
- April 8 - **Venice, CA** - The Venice West
- April 9 - **Tucson, AZ** - 191 Toole
- April 10 - **Phoenix, AZ** - Musical Instrument Museum
- April 11 - **Santa Fe, NM** - Tumbleroot Brewery and Distillery
- April 12 - **Albuquerque, NM** - South Broadway Cultural Center
- April 13 - **Denver, CO** - Swallow Hill Music
- May 1 - **Portland, ME** - Portland House of Music
- May 2 - **Rockland, ME** - The Strand
- May 3 - **Natick, MA** - The Center for Arts in Natick
- May 5 - **Exeter, NH** - The Word Barn
- May 6 - **Rockport, MA** - Shalin Liu
- May 7 - **Fall River, MA @** Narrows Center for the Arts
- May 8 - **Northampton, MA** - Iron Horse
- May 9 - **New York, NY** - Iridium
- May 10 - **Sellersville, PA** - Sellersville Theater
- May 11 - **Vienna, VA** - Jammin Java
- May 13 - **Pittsburgh, PA** - City Winery
- May 14 - **Cleveland, OH** - Music Box
- May 15 - **Findlay, OH** - Armes Hall - Marathon Center for the Performing Arts\*
- May 16 - **Ann Arbor, MI** - The Ark
- May 17 - **Grand Rapids, MI** - Midtown

May 18 - **Chicago, IL** - Old Town School of Folk Music

May 19 - **Madison, WI** - The Bur Oak

May 20 - **Minneapolis, MN** - The Dakota

\*Julian Taylor not supporting

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