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**AWARD-WINNING ARTIST MATT ANDERSEN INSPIRES US TO IGNORE
POINTLESS NEGATIVE FORCES ON SOULFUL NEW TRACK “WAYAHEADAYA”
WATCH NEW VIDEO [HERE](#)**

**INTIMATE NEW ALBUM *THE HAMMER & THE ROSE*
SET FOR APRIL 25TH ON SONIC RECORDS, PRE-SAVE [HERE](#)**

TWO-MONTH US SPRING TOUR KICKS OFF ON APRIL 3RD IN SEATTLE

Nashville, TN – Acclaimed Canadian artist Matt Andersen has released his bluesy new track “Wayaheadaya,” off his forthcoming album, *The Hammer & The Rose* (out April 25th on Sonic Records). Listen to the studio recording of “Wayaheadaya” on your preferred DSPs [HERE](#).

The video for this soulful, live rendition of the song was filmed in a local coffee shop/record store in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The clip captures Andersen’s guttural and inspiring vocals as he belts his message of strength over negativity, accompanied by a band that is completely locked into a loose, yet thick groove with purpose. The performance features Afie Jurvanen (guitar) and Christine Bougie (lap steel) from Bahamas, Chris Kirby (keys), Kyle Cunjak (acoustic bass), and Joshua Van Tassel (drums). Watch the live performance of “Wayaheadaya” [HERE](#).

“At its root, the base idea of this song is to not worry about the people who don’t worry about you,” says Andersen. “There are lots of folks who will try to discourage you and hold you back. I feel bad for people who make an effort to be miserable, ‘it’s a sad situation.’ It’s hard for their negativity to bother you when you don’t even pay attention to it. Some people just aren’t worth the attention and effort. It’s best not to look back and carry on, leave the negativity behind.”

The Hammer & The Rose is the most intimate album in Andersen’s celebrated body of work. Known for his powerful vocals and electrifying live shows, Andersen chose to dial it back on the new album, which focuses more on the nuances and lower register of his remarkable voice. The result is an enchanting and deeply soulful 10-song offering that blends elements of folk, blues and Americana delivered with a heartfelt and relaxed vibe.

The Hammer & The Rose is the follow up to the aptly titled 2023 Juno-nominated album *The Big Bottle of Joy*, which 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...”

Whether performing solo, with a small band or a large ensemble, Matt Andersen’s commanding vocals, guitar playing and overall charisma completely mesmerizing. His

multi-faceted work has led him to amass over 33 million streams on Spotify and 30 million views on YouTube. He has headlined or performed at festivals, clubs and theatres throughout North America, Europe, and Australia. See a list of Matt Andersen's Spring US tour dates below or visit mattandersen.ca/tour.

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 (SOLD OUT)
 - 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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