

## **GREAT LAKE SWIMMERS TOUR EUROPE / UK APRIL-MAY 2016**

Great Lake Swimmers return to Europe this spring in continued support of last year's 'A Forest Of Arms' and to celebrate the release of their upcoming new EP for 2016 entitled 'Swimming Away.'

The digital release features two brand new songs including the hypnotic title track 'Swimming Away', which is an unreleased outtake from the 'A Forest Of Arms' sessions, and the starkly beautiful 'Condition White' which was commissioned for a series called 'Torn From The Pages' and is based on the novel 'Sleep' by Nino Ricci. The EP, which will be made available by Nettwerk this spring, also includes two covers, a Tom Waits classic, 'Innocent When You Dream' and the aching PJ Harvey song 'The Desperate Kingdom Of Love.'

The new songs were recorded this past February at a studio in New Orleans, and harken back to the project's earlier more stark and minimalist recordings.

For their upcoming spring European tour Great Lake Swimmers will present intimate acoustic shows with three core members: lead singer and songwriter Tony Dekker, banjo and guitar player Erik Arnesen, and upright bass player Bret Higgins. Opening these shows will be harpist Mary Lattimore (Thrill Jockey).

In the press:

"For those of you craving an album that carries a sensitive storyline by someone consistent in their craft, look no further than Canadian folk treasures Great Lake Swimmers" – Beatroute

"... (a) cherished blend of folk and orchestral indie pop" – Exclaim!

"A gorgeously orchestrated offering, Dekker's voice shrouded in echo, sparse piano notes and mournful violin intersecting on the singer's musings, though also somewhat ponderous at points. Definitely a Sunday afternoon record, lulling, ruminative and occasionally haunting" - Penguin Eggs

"Ambient Zen Americana" – Mojo

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