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BLACKBIRD PRESENTS ANNOUNCES "THE LAST WALTZ 40 TOUR"

Warren Haynes, Michael McDonald, Jamey Johnson, & John Medeski
To Headline 40th Anniversary Tribute Tour To *The Band's* Historic Farewell Concert
With Very Special Guests To Be Announced

VERIZON HALL AT THE KIMMEL CENTER | SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

First Leg Of The US Tour Kicks Off January 2017
Tickets for all shows go on sale this Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10am EST
http://lastwaltz40.com

NEW YORK, NY. November 16, 2016 – Blackbird Presents is proud to announce the first leg of **"The Last Waltz 40 Tour: A Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of *The Last Waltz*"** kicking off on January 21, 2017 at the Hard Rock Casino in Hollywood, Florida with tour dates running through February 2017 across multiple US cities. A full list of tour dates and venues is listed below.

Tickets go on-sale Saturday, November 19 at 10am at KimmelCenter.Org, the Kimmel Center Box Office or charge by phone at 215-8893-1999.

"The Last Waltz 40 Tour: A Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of *The Last Waltz*" captures the excitement from Blackbird Present's two-night, sold-out concert event "Last Waltz New Orleans: A Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of *The Last Waltz*" which took place during Jazz Fest 2016 at the historic Saenger Theatre. Heralded as one of New Orleans best events during Jazz Fest, the epic event paid tribute to The Band's milestone final concert with unprecedented performances and an extraordinary lineup of artists. "The last 30 minutes of The Last Waltz @SaengerNOLA was best thing I've heard @jazzfest" said Keith Spera, music critic, *The New Orleans Advocate.*

Now the "The Last Waltz 40 Tour: A Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of *The Last Waltz*" will showcase a number of these artists across multiple US cities celebrating the 40th anniversary of *The Last Waltz*. "I'll never forget the experience of playing these songs with this group of musicians in New Orleans earlier this year. We are celebrating something truly special and I'm honored to be a part of it." said Michael McDonald "The Last Waltz is a true piece of rock n' roll history. The music is as soulful, relevant and powerful today as it was 40 years ago. We can't wait to carry on the legacy of these songs for fans." said Warren Haynes

Creator and executive producer Keith Wortman and Blackbird Presents have once again gathered a truly prodigious cast of musicians led by musical director GRAMMY® Award-winning guitar legend and vocalist Warren Haynes (Gov't Mule, The Allman Brothers Band, The Dead) and GRAMMY® Award-winning producer/musician Don Was, with GRAMMY® Award-winning singer/songwriter Michael McDonald, ACM Award-winning singer/songwriter Jamey Johnson, keyboard master John Medeski, and legendary funk drummer Terence Higgins (Dirty Dozen Brass Band), along with the original horn arrangements of Allen Toussaint. In addition to the stellar lineup, "The Last Waltz 40 Tour: A Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of *The Last Waltz*" will surprise fans with some very special guests at numerous stops throughout the tour.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS VISIT THE OFFICIAL TOUR WEBSITE:
LastWaltz40Tour.com
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The Last Waltz 40 Tour Dates

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017	Hollywood Florida	Hard Rock Casino
Monday, Jan. 23, 2017	Clearwater Florida	Ruth Eckerd Hall
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017	Atlanta Georgia	Woodruff Arts Center
Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017	Nashville Tennessee	Ryman Auditorium
*Friday, Jan. 27, 2017	Red Bank New Jersey	Count Basie Theatre
*Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017	Boston Mass.	Orpheum Theatre
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017	Philadelphia Penn.	Verizon Hall/Kimmel Center
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017	Toronto Canada	Sony Centre
Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017	Albany New York	Palace Theatre
Friday, Feb. 3, 2017	Westbury New York	Theatre at Westbury
Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017	Washington DC	MGM National Harbor

All dates, cities and venues subject to change.

*Jamey Johnson not scheduled to appear on indicated dates

The Last Waltz 40 Tour Lineup

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Jamey Johnson
John Medeski
Don Was
Terence Higgins
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About Blackbird Presents

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Blackbird's recent concerts, broadcast specials, and releases include *Last Waltz New Orleans: A Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of The Last Waltz, Dear Jerry: Celebrating The Music of Jerry Garcia, The Life & Songs of Kris Kristofferson, Imagine: John Lennon 75th Birthday Concert, Outlaw: Celebrating The Music of Waylon Jennings, The Life and Songs of Emmylou Harris, I'll Take You There: Celebrating 75 Years of Mavis Staples, Lynryd Skynrd: One More For The Fans, The Musical Mojo of Dr. John: Celebrating Mac and His Music and All My Friends: Celebrating The Songs and Voice of Gregg Allman*, the latter of which earned a 2014 GRAMMY® Award nomination for Gregg Allman and Taj Mahal's awe-inspiring performance of "Statesboro Blues."

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