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NEW ALBUM AND COMPASS RECORDS DEBUT FROM LAURA CORTESE & THE DANCE CARDS

August 2nd, 2017 Nashville, TN — Cutting her teeth as a sideman in Boston's roots music scene, **Laura Cortese** forged a unique path through a pool rich in talent (due to a large population of Berklee School of Music graduates like herself) including stints as an instrumentalist with **Band of Horses**, **Pete Seeger**, **Rose Cousins**, **Jocie Adams** (of the **Low Anthem**), and **Uncle Earl**. As first revealed on Folk Alley, Cortese's Compass Records debut, **CALIFORNIA CALLING**, is the next step in her career as a frontwoman and bandleader—she and her **Dance Cards** (cellist Valerie Thompson, fiddler Jenna Moynihan, and bassist Natalie Bohrn) break new ground with a bold and elegant new album, based in the lyrical rituals of folk music but exploring new territories of rhythm and sonics.

"We can't imagine a better home for **CALIFORNIA CALLING** than the inventive and masterful roster of musicians on Compass Records." says Cortese.

With the support of **Sam Kassirer**, album producer of folk-pop favorites like **Lake Street Dive** and **Joy Kills Sorrow**, they've created something that's simultaneously rowdy, delicate and cinematic. This is post-folk that seriously rocks.

On a recent tour stop in Stockholm, the band filmed a video for album opener, "The Low Hum". Watch the video premiere on *Folk Alley*: <http://www.folkalley.com/archives/001581.php>

Laura Cortese & The Dance Cards, CALIFORNIA CALLING will be released October 6th, 2017 on Compass Records.

TRACK LISTING:

1. *The Low Hum*
2. *Callifornia Calling*
3. *Three Little Words*
4. *Skipping Stone*
5. *Hold On*
6. *Swing & Turn (Jubilee)*
7. *Rhododendron*
8. *Someday*
9. *Stockholm*
10. *Pace Myself*
11. *If You Hear Me*

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TOUR DATES

- 08/19 Philadelphia, PA, *Philly Folk Fest*
- 08/20 Harrisburg, PA, *Susquehanna Folk Society*
- 09/09 Jersey City, NJ, *Hudson West Folk Fest*
- 9/10 Wrightsville, PA *Harvest Moon // Women of Folk Festival*
- 09/28 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK, *Live Theatre*
- 09/29 Seahouses, UK, *St Cuthbert's House*
- 09/30 Meltham, UK, *The Carlile Institute*
- 10/04 Farncombe, UK, *St John's Church Hall*
- 10/05 Barton on Humber, UK, *The Ropewalk*
- 10/06 Toddington, UK, *The Garret Sessions*
- 10/07 Worth Matravers, UK, *The Square & Compass*
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- 10/10 London, UK, *Archspace*
- 10/12 Sheffield, UK, *Café #9*
- 10/13 Selkirk, UK, *The Haining*

10/14 Paisley, UK, Spree Festival
10/20 Warren, RI, CommonFence Music
10/21 Portland, ME, One Longfellow
10/22 Cambridge, CA, Oberon
10/24 Berkeley, CA, Freight & Salvage
10/25 Santa Cruz, CA, Don Quixote's
10/26 Arcata, CA, Arcata Playhouse
10/28 Seattle, WA, Seattle Folk Lore Society
10/29 Los Angeles, CA, Hotel Cafe
10/30 Moab, UT, Moab Folk Fest Outreach
10/31 Moab, UT, Moab Folk Fest Outreach
11/02 Moab, UT, Moab Folk Fest Outreach
11/05 Moab, UT, Moab Folk Fest
11/08 Saranac Lake, NY, Blue Seed Studios
11/09 Saratoga Springs, NY, Caffe Iena
11/11 Easton, MD, Avalon Foundation
11/16 Penninsula, OH, GAR Hall
11/18 Madison, WI, Crescendo Music Cafe
11/19 Minneapolis, MN, Aster Cafe
11/29 Toronto, ON, The Burdock

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