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**ACCLAIMED SONGWRITER, SUSAN WERNER,
ANNOUNCES NEW RECORDING AND UPCOMING FALL TOUR!**

CHICAGO, August 21, 2017 - Susan Werner has done it again; the woman NPR named “Empress of the Unexpected” has brought forth another unique concept album with a national tour to match. Her new EP, ***An American In Havana***, is a collection of original songs inspired by Werner’s recent travels to Cuba. The recording features performances and arrangements by legendary Cuban percussionist Mayra Casales (Dizzy Gillespie, Tito Puente, Regina Carter), along with Werner’s trademark songcraft and wry, poetic lyrics.

The upcoming multi-city tour will bring ***An American In Havana*** and Werner’s lively concert persona to audiences across the U.S. The four-month circuit kicks off in September at the Kerrville Fall Music Festival in Texas; she’ll then play dates in the Midwest, including City Winery Chicago on October 22. After that, Susan heads to several marquee venues in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, including Jammin’ Java in Vienna, Virginia on October 27, New York’s Joe’s Pub/Public Theater on October 28, and World Cafe Live in Philadelphia on November 17. Werner will then travel to Charleston, WV to appear on NPR’s Mountain Stage on November 19, and she concludes the tour with Boston’s City Winery December 1st and The Iron Horse in Northampton MA on December 3rd.

Joining Werner for many of these shows is Havana born percussionist Mayra Casales, who grew up in a family of Cuban musicians and whose artistry, Werner says, informed all the songs on this record. “Mayra is the real deal, she has not only lived the story of Cuban music but plays it, and plays it at a world class level. Going to Cuba is amazing -- and if you can’t pull that off this year, going to see Mayra play is the next best thing,” says Werner.

Produced by Susan Werner along with Venezuelan drummer Pablo Bencid, ***An American In Havana*** is Werner’s 13th studio recording. The lead track, “Cuba Is”, describes an American’s first impressions of the island in lyrics set to an Afro-Cuban beat:

*Cuba is -
The smell of diesel and cigarettes
A young boy fishing as the sun sets
The taste of sugar cane, so sweet
The sound of muted trumpet down the street.*

The record serves up a rollicking second track, “1955 Chevy BelAir,” a song loaded with congas, timbales and trombones celebrating a budding romance between an American traveler and a vintage 1950’s automobile. And no Susan Werner recording is complete without a composition in the style of the Great American Songbook; the romantic bolero “Havana Moon” recalls the latin-tinged classics of Cole Porter.

A triple threat as writer, singer and musician, Werner has been one of the most prolific singer/songwriters in the United States since her 1995 BMG/Private Music major label debut. Her iconoclastic concept albums, including 2007’s agnostic gospel album *The Gospel Truth* and 2013’s tribute to agriculture *Hayseed*, have won her passionate fans from coast to coast, interviews on NPR’s Morning Edition and Marian McPartland’s Piano Jazz, and inspired covers from Tom Jones, Michael Feinstein and Betty Buckley, among others. She is composer and lyricist for the forthcoming Broadway show, “Bull Durham, The Musical,” based on the iconic MGM film.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

“Susan Werner, a clever songwriter and engaging performer, brings literacy and wit back to popular song.” -- The New Yorker

“One of the most innovative songwriters working today.” -- Chicago Tribune

“When it comes to crafting a song, Ms. Werner’s only peers are Jimmy Webb and Paul Simon.” -- No Depression

AN AMERICAN IN HAVANA



Release date: September 15, 2017

Genre: singer/songwriter, folk & americana, adult album alternative

Track listing:

1. Cuba Is
2. 1955 Chevy BelAir
3. Havana Moon
4. Cortadito
5. Nostalgia (al estilo Lecuona)
6. Stray Dogs

TOUR DATES:

SUN	SEPT	3	KERRVILLE FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL	KERRVILLE TX
SAT	SEPT	30	LANDIS THEATER	VINELAND NJ (w. Livingston Taylor)
FRI	OCT	6	COLUMBUS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	COLUMBUS OH
SUN	OCT	8	MUSIC BOX SUPPER CLUB	CLEVELAND OH
SAT	OCT	21	PROGRESSIVE VOICES CONCERT SERIES	DES MOINES IA
SUN	OCT	22	CITY WINERY - CHICAGO	CHICAGO IL

FRI	OCT	27	JAMMIN' JAVA	VIENNA VA
SAT	OCT	28	JOE'S PUB / PUBLIC THEATER	NEW YORK NY
SUN	OCT	29	LIED CENTER OF KANSAS PAVILION	LAWRENCE KS
FRI	NOV	3	KATHARINE HEPBURN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER	OLD SAYBROOK CT
SAT	NOV	4	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HUNTINGTON	CENTERPORT NY
THU	NOV	9	WALTON ARTS CENTER STARR THEATRE	FAYETTEVILLE AR (Susan Werner Trio)
FRI	NOV	17	WORLD CAFE LIVE	PHILADELPHIA PA
SAT	NOV	18	CALLIOPE HOUSE - CARNEGIE LECTURE HALL	PITTSBURGH PA
SUN	NOV	19	MOUNTAIN STAGE	CHARLESTON WV
WED	NOV	29	FLYING GOOSE BREWPUB	NEW LONDON NH
THU	NOV	30	FLYING GOOSE BREWPUB	NEW LONDON NH
FRI	DEC	1	CITY WINERY - BOSTON	BOSTON MA
SUN	DEC	3	IRON HORSE MUSIC HALL	NORTHAMPTON MA

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