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BEN LABAT & THE HAPPY DEVIL RETURN WITH NEW ALBUM, *HOMeward*, AUGUST 18

AXS Premieres First Single, “Set It On Fire,” Today

AUDIO: “[SET IT ON FIRE](#)” (LISTEN/SHARE)

Los Angeles, CA, July 31, 2017 – Louisiana-based Americana band **Ben Labat & The Happy Devil** will release their fourth full-length album, *Homeward*, on **August 18**. The band teamed up with **AXS.com** today to release the first single, “**Set It On Fire**,” [here](#). Driven by organic instrumentation and culminating on a hypnotic melody, the song proves immediately undeniable and unshakable.

Labat says, “‘Set It On Fire’ is roughly about those souls that are near and dear, but ultimately end up down a road so dark and cold that none of us can follow. Find inner peace by setting their memory on fire.”

Marking the collective’s first new music since 2014’s *The Revival*, *Homeward* represents a distinct and conscious embrace of **Labat**’s folk and Americana roots. These 10 tracks exemplify his vivid lyricism and impressive songcraft, delicately weaving together harmonica, ukulele, piano, and acoustic guitar to create a rustic sonic palette. Over this entrancing backdrop, he carries undeniable hooks and lyrical musings that are as ponderous as they are powerful.



Since kicking off his career in 2006 as part of **The Terms**, the Louisiana born and bred **Labat** has quietly become one of Americana's most striking voices. He's performed in legendary venues everywhere from New York and Los Angeles to Nashville and New Orleans. Moreover, his songs have sound-tracked key moments in *The Ghost Whisperer*, *The Real World*, *Jersey Shore*, the Kevin Spacey-produced film *Mini's First Time*, and *Middle of Nowhere* starring Susan Sarandon. Now, **Homeward** sees him return to the sounds that always inspired him and kick off his brightest musical chapter yet.

Ben Labat & The Happy Devil will perform **two free shows** in and around Louisiana in support of the album. Up first is **August 5, at the Which Craft? in Houma** (9 p.m., 21+), followed by their **Album Release show on Friday, August 18, at Beck's Bar in Raceland** (10 p.m. 21+).

Homeward Track Listing:

1. The Wilderness
2. Set It On Fire
3. The Last Place on Earth
4. Homeward
5. Darkness
6. Nothing But the Past to Lose
7. Gold
8. No One Can Keep the Change
9. Youngblood
10. Reset Button

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