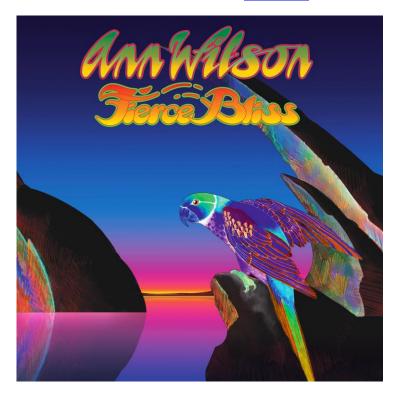
ANN WILSON ANNOUNCES NEW ALBUM, FIERCE BLISS SET FOR RELEASE APRIL 29. 2022

NEW SINGLE "GREED" OUT NOW



COVER ART BY ROGER DEAN
FIERCE BLISS IS AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER AT THIS LOCATION

FEBRUARY 8, 2022 – There is a calm, serene spirituality about **Ann Wilson** in 2022 which instantly draws you to her. She feels like a warm, wise someone who has seen enough bullshit to know how to avoid it calmly, and someone who is at peace with whatever she needs to be at peace with. Perhaps that is why the soul (and, indeed title) of her latest album, *Fierce Bliss* (set for release April 29 via Silver Lining Music) offers such universally entertaining, engaging, honest and safe harbor from these unpredictable times.

Take "Greed," the powerful first single... "'Greed' is that thing in our animal nature that makes us want MORE," Wilson declares. "Whether it be money, sex, power or ecstasy, it fires our craving! It happens with all of us. When you turn around and catch yourself making decisions because you want the money, or because you're caught in the headlights of glory, well, those are greedy moments."

Wilson continues "I think people who claim to have made every decision from a root of pure idealism, and never done anything dark or greedy, is lying. I think everybody who ventures into especially the music industry hoping for a career with big success, ends up making these Faustian bargains at some point even if only briefly. It's an aggressive song and I think I write best when I'm angry."

Listen To/Watch "Greed" here

One of the premier hard rock vocalists of all-time, **Wilson** smashed boundaries smashed boundaries with her band **Heart**, the 8-times Platinum, 35 million-plus selling Rock and Roll Hall of Fame trailblazers who formed in

1973. During a decades-long career, **Wilson** rode the roller coaster of fame, fortune and madness, learning both joyous and hard, hard lessons along the way. Fast forward to Summer 2020, and a meeting with legendary veteran 'artist's lawyer' Brian Rohan provided the catalyst for *Fierce Bliss*'s creation.

"Brian recommended people to me that knew people in Nashville, so I met these guys like [famed Nashville session guitarist] **Tom Bukovac** and **Tony Lucido** at those Muscle Shoals Sound Studio sessions. I'd never met them before, and they really inspired me. It was like a big door opening."

With the musical chemistry organically established, *Fierce Bliss* came together quickly. "I had originally intended to go in, record a few songs and see what I had, but it just took on this life," remarks **Wilson**. "At Sound Stage in Nashville, **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** came in and played on a couple songs. He was a whole other influence coming in. He just played his butt off, and with the gospel singers and everything else coming together, the whole project just started to grow."

Wilson continues, "I'd known **Warren Haynes** from **Gov't Mule** for a while. We'd written a couple songs together with **Gov't Mule** playing, and those rounded out the record. So all of a sudden, where there was no record before, suddenly I had eleven cool songs that I really liked."

Fierce Bliss is classic rock comfort food of the finest ingredients, carrying a richness and light that allows you to escape into timeless nostalgia. 11 perfectly weighted and selected songs ranging from Wilson's own co-penned originals to breathtaking covers and collaborations. "A Moment in Heaven" could easily apply to anyone who has seen their career suddenly bathed in a bright beam of glory before the spotlight is abruptly moved elsewhere. There is a deeply spiritual air about Ann Wilson 2022, and both "Black Wing" and "Angel's Blues" show different facets of that soul and ethos. Furthermore, Wilson brings new life and verve to classic songs, such as Queen's "Love of My Life" and Robin Trower's "Bridge of Sighs," and has helped fashion definitive versions of each which stand toe-to-toe with the originals.

To cap it all, the album artwork comes from the mind and hands of celebrated fantasy artist **Roger Dean**, who aside from his work in fantasy art is also renowned for his **Yes** sleeve artwork.

Wilson will soon be hitting the road with her new band, and make no mistake, she's a performer at heart thus her excitement is palpable. **Ann Wilson** seems to be more comfortable with herself (and her art) than ever before with both **Fierce Bliss** and the band she'll be touring with. "I think that for someone who's been through as much as I have, and has lived to tell the tales, it's okay to share my experiences," says **Wilson** sagely. "I've heard from a lot of younger musicians and listeners too who have thanked me for staying around and for just keeping upright, just making it through, making the concessions once but not twice, and being able to live through it all with dignity."

'AN EVENING WITH ANN WILSON OF HEART & THE AMAZING DAWGS' Tour will kick off on February 19 at Family Gras in Metairie, LA, with more dates to be announced soon.

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FEB 19 - Metairie, LA - Family Gras
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MAY 4 - San Francisco, CA - Great American

MAY 5 - Napa, CA - The Uptown Theatre

MAY 7 - Pala, CA - Pala Casino

MAY 9 - Los Angeles, CA - El Rey Theatre

MAY 10 - Los Angeles, CA - El Rey Theatre

MAY 13 - Los Cabos, MEX - Hard Rock

JUNE 11 - Peachtree City, GA - Fred Amphitheater

JUNE 13 - Nashville, TN - Basement East

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JUNE 16 - Tampa, FL - Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa

JUNE 17 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL - The Parker

Tickets can be purchased at this location.

Fierce Bliss is available to pre-order now on CD Casebound Book (deluxe package), Vinyl and Digital formats <u>here</u>.

Fierce Bliss Track Listing:

- 1. Greed
- 2. Black Wing
- 3. Bridge of Sighs
- 4. Fighten for Life
- 5. Love of My Life (feat. Vince Gill)
- 6. Missionary Man
- 7. Gladiator
- 8. Forget Her
- 9. A Moment in Heaven
- 10. Angel's Blues*
- 11. As the World Turns

*Available on CD and digital formats only

Ann Wilson - Vocals
Tom Bukovac - Guitar
Tony Lucido - Bass
Sean T Lane - Drums, Percussion & Bike
Gordon Mote - Keyboards
Tim Lauer - Keyboards

Produced by Ann Wilson and Tom Bukovac

"Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues" produced by Ann Wilson and Warren Haynes

Mixed by Chuck Ainlay

Recorded by Chuck Ainlay at Fame Studios, Muscle Shoals, AL and Soundstage, Nashville, TN "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues" recorded by Joe Paterno at Power Station, Waterford, CT Black Wing Recorded by Sean Walker at Uberbeatz, Lynnwood, WA Mastered by Greg Calbi at Sterling Sound, Edgewater, NJ Executive Producer Jim Zumwalt

Musicians who appear on Fierce Bliss:

Vocals - Vince Gill on "Love of My Life"
Lead Guitar - Kenny Wayne Shepherd on "Bridge of Sighs" and "Missionary Man"
Guitar - Warren Haynes on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"
Guitar - Tyler Boley on "Black Wing"
Keyboards - Danny Louis on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"
Keyboards - Dan Walker on "Black Wing"
Bass - Jorgen Carlsson on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"
Bass - Andy Stoller on "Black Wing"
Drums - Matt Abts on "Gladiator" and "Angel's Blues"
Choir - The Rev Nathan Young Singers on "Missionary Man"

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