

# PUBLIC RELATIONS



**THE WINERY DOGS**  
**NEW ALBUM, 'III.'**  
**SET FOR RELEASE FEBRUARY 3, 2023;**

**PRE-ORDERS AND FIRST SINGLE, "XANADU,"**  
**AVAILABLE STARTING DECEMBER 9;**

**"202III WORLD TOUR" BEGINS IN U.S.**  
**FEBRUARY 15 IN GREENSBURG, PA**

**THE WINERY DOGS**  
**202III WORLD TOUR - 1<sup>ST</sup> PAW**

US:		US:	
FEB 15 <sup>th</sup>	GREENSBURG PA	MARCH 18 <sup>th</sup>	CEDAR PARK TX
FEB 16 <sup>th</sup>	JUN THORPE PA	MARCH 19 <sup>th</sup>	HOUSTON TX
FEB 17 <sup>th</sup>	GENESEE PA	MARCH 20 <sup>th</sup>	NEW ORLEANS LA
FEB 18 <sup>th</sup>	PATCHOGUE NY	MARCH 21 <sup>st</sup>	BIRMINGHAM AL
FEB 21 <sup>st</sup>	NEW YORK CITY NY	MARCH 24 <sup>th</sup>	ST PETERSBURG FL
FEB 22 <sup>nd</sup>	BALTIMORE MD	MARCH 25 <sup>th</sup>	FT LAUDERDALE FL
FEB 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SATYRVILLE NJ	MARCH 26 <sup>th</sup>	ORLANDO FL
FEB 25 <sup>th</sup>	RIDGEFIELD CT	MARCH 30 <sup>th</sup>	VIRGINIA BEACH VA
FEB 26 <sup>th</sup>	DEERY TN	MARCH 31 <sup>st</sup>	HOPKINSVILLE VA
MARCH 1 <sup>st</sup>	COLUMBUS OH	APRIL 1 <sup>st</sup>	LEESBURG VA
MARCH 2 <sup>nd</sup>	CLEVELAND OH	APRIL 2 <sup>nd</sup>	CHARLOTTE NC
MARCH 5 <sup>th</sup>	GREEN BAY WI	APRIL 4 <sup>th</sup>	ASHVILLE NC
MARCH 6 <sup>th</sup>	MINNEAPOLIS MN	APRIL 5 <sup>th</sup>	KNOXVILLE TN
MARCH 9 <sup>th</sup>	MILWAUKEE WI	APRIL 6 <sup>th</sup>	NASHVILLE TN
MARCH 10 <sup>th</sup>	ST CHARLES IL		
MARCH 11 <sup>th</sup>	DETROIT MI	<b>BRAZIL:</b>	
MARCH 13 <sup>th</sup>	GRAND RAPIDS MI	APRIL 27 <sup>th</sup>	RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZIL
MARCH 14 <sup>th</sup>	HARRISON OH	APRIL 28 <sup>th</sup>	CURITIBA BRAZIL
MARCH 17 <sup>th</sup>	DALLAS TX	APRIL 30 <sup>th</sup>	SÃO PAULO BRAZIL

**RICHIE ROTZEN - HOLLY SNEEMAN - MIKE PORTNOY**  
[THEWINERYDOGS.COM](http://THEWINERYDOGS.COM)

November 21, 2022 -- The Dogs are finally back in town! THE WINERY DOGS, that is!

It's been, well, a literal dog's age since the vibrant powerhouse trio known as THE WINERY DOGS-- RICHIE KOTZEN, MIKE PORTNOY, and BILLY SHEEHAN--marked their recording territory with new music. But now, following a seven-year break from the studio, THE WINERY DOGS are back in full force with their aptly named third album III, which is set for release on February 3, 2023 on the band's Three Dog Music label (via Burnside Distribution/The Orchard). Following in the footsteps of their first two albums, III was once again self-produced by The Winery Dogs and mixed by longtime band associate Jay Ruston.

Pre-orders will be available starting Friday, December 9 on CD and all digital formats, which include an instant download of the album's first song to be released, "Xanadu." A vinyl edition of III will also be forthcoming in just a few months.

While the all-out smokin' opening track and lead single "Xanadu," title *might* evoke different imagery in more progressive-leaning listening circles, KOTZEN's zen-seeking, hard-rocking ruminations on "Xanadu" once again shine a light on the eternal power of good collaboration. "Coming out of the gates, that's a barnburner," acknowledges PORTNOY. "It's one of the fiercest tracks on the album." Incidentally, eagle ears will also delight in picking up on how definitively PORTNOY drops his drumsticks right as the song concludes. "At the end there, you're hearing me toss my sticks — not in frustration, but very much in *satisfaction* of what we had just done," he clarifies with a laugh.

In addition to the new music, fans will also be excited to hear that the trio is hitting the worldwide concert trail starting February 15 in Greensburg, PA at the Palace Theatre for their "2023 World Tour." Ticket and VIP package info can be found on the band's official [website](#).

From the clarion call for connection and societal understanding in "Mad World" to the door-opening personal realizations of "Breakthrough" to the undeniable muscle-flexing reign of the white-hot "Pharaoh" and the album-closing energy spillage of "The Red Wine," all 50-plus minutes of III prove THE WINERY DOGS haven't lost a step when it comes to conjuring fresh hooks, gutbucket grooves, and bold harmonies.

That said, it's been a long road back to the collective compound for guitarist/vocalist RICHIE KOTZEN, bassist/vocalist BILLY SHEEHAN, and drummer/vocalist MIKE PORTNOY. Back in 2015-16, they hit the road hard together to showcase their mettle as hardcore (you guessed it) road dogs in order to build upon the success of their well-received 2015 sophomore studio effort, HOT STREAK, by touring all across the globe. Eventually, the seasoned trio returned to their respective corners to focus on various other projects for the ensuing next few years. But when that live itch needed another scratching, these three working musicians knew just what they had to do.

"We *wanted* to tour," KOTZEN confirms succinctly of The Winery Dogs' 22-date run in early 2019 that was appropriately dubbed "Who Let The Dogs Out," before adding, "We had to get those cylinders firing together once again." Concur PORTNOY, "That was a fun little tour that reignited our enthusiasm — and that's also when we knew a third album was definitely in the cards." Adds SHEEHAN, "Getting back together like that was really refreshing. We could relax a bit and enjoy being together onstage, playing without any pressure. It was a beautiful thing."

Duly reinvigorated, THE WINERY DOGS were finally aligned to record again by initially ensconcing themselves together in KOTZEN's intimate, cozy home studio in Southern California to jam on new material that was mainly created in the moment during many hours of face-to-face musical interaction. Always the driven and intuitive songwriter, KOTZEN displays a definitive M.O. whenever he's working out new songs in the studio by scatting melodies and putting forth short bursts of semi-improvised lines and phrases that will soon enough transform into sharply honed subject matter. "My attitude is this: when I'm in the studio creating new music, the last thing on my mind is, 'How am I gonna do it live?'" KOTZEN admits. "The reality is, I may *never* get to where I'll do it live. What's relevant is getting the vision that's in my head, in my heart, and in my soul to come out of the speakers. If it gets to the point where the tour is booked, the dates are confirmed, and we all get back in the rehearsal room together, *that's* when you figure out, 'OK, how do I interpret this in a way it can be delivered live, and still be the same song?'"

III is the follow-up to the band's critically acclaimed and Billboard-charting album, HOT STREAK, which was released October 2, 2015 on Loud & Proud Records via RED (a division of Sony Music Entertainment). After landing in the Top Five on many of Amazon's pre-order charts, including #1 on the Amazon BestSellers/Hard Rock chart and #1 on the Amazon Pre-Orders/Hard Rock Albums charts, it sold 30% more than their 2013 self-titled debut, landing them on various Billboard album charts including #2 on "Top Current Alternative Albums," #5 on "Top Current Hard Music" and "Top Hard Music Albums," #6 on "Top Current Rock Albums" and "Album Core / Genre Rock," #15 "Top Current Physical Albums," #16 "Top Current Albums," and #30 on the "Top 200 Albums" chart.

Upon its release, HOT STREAK racked up rave reviews. Allmusic.com hailed, "HOT STREAK is the trio's second album, and its loose, friendly feel shows that the trio doesn't feel compelled to rely on instrumental pyrotechnics. The bluesy, soulful 'Think it Over' would appeal to those who admire the Allman Brothers, while 'Captain Love' shows that the band also has some hard rock energy to unleash, and the title track lets fly some of the technical proficiency that its members are known for." And GuitarInternational.com praised, "HOT STREAK picks up where their debut CD left off, but showcases the band coming into their own with straight-ahead rockers like 'Oblivion,' 'Captain Love,' and 'Devil You Know.'"

Here's the complete track listing for III:

1. Xanadu
2. Mad World
3. Breakthrough
4. Rise
5. Stars
6. The Vengeance
7. Pharaoh
8. Gaslight
9. Lorelei
10. The Red Wine

Check out THE WINERY DOGS at any of the following tour stops, with more to be announced in the coming weeks and posted on the band's website and social media pages:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Wed 2/15	Greensburg, PA	Palace Theatre
Thu 2/16	Jim Thorpe, PA	Penn's Peak
Fri 2/17	Glenside, PA	Keswick Theatre
Sat 2/18	Patchogue, NY	Patchogue Theatre
Tue 2/21	New York, NY	Sony Hall
Wed 2/22	Baltimore, MD	Rams Head Live!
Thu 2/23	Sayreville, NJ	Starland Ballroom
Sat 2/25	Ridgefield, CT	The Ridgefield Playhouse
Sun 2/26	Derry, NH	Tupelo Music Hall
Wed 3/1	Columbus, OH	The King of Clubs
Thu 3/2	Cleveland, OH	The Agora Theatre
Sun 3/5	Green Bay, WI	Epic Event Center
Mon 3/6	Minneapolis, MN	Fine Line Music Café
Thu 3/9	Milwaukee, WI	Pabst Theater
Fri 3/10	St. Charles, IL	The Arcada Theatre
Sat 3/11	Detroit, MI	The Token Lounge
Mon 3/13	Grand Rapids, MI	DeVos Performance Hall
Tues 3/14	Harrison, OH	The Blue Note
Fri 3/17	Dallas, TX	Amplified Live

Sat 3/18	Cedar Park, TX	The Haute Spot
Sun 3/19	Houston, TX	Warehouse Live
Tue 3/21	New Orleans, LA	House of Blues
Wed 3/22	Birmingham, AL	Iron City
Fri 3/24	St. Petersburg, FL	Jannus Live
Sat 3/25	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Culture Room
Sun 3/26	Orlando, FL	The Plaza Live
Thu 3/30	Virginia Beach, VA	Elevation 27
Fri 3/31	Hopewell, VA	The Beacon Theatre
Sat 4/1	Leesburg, VA	Tally Ho Theater
Sun 4/2	Charlotte, NC	The Underground
Tue 4/4	Asheville, NC	The Orange Peel
Wed 4/5	Knoxville, TN	The Mill & Mine
Thu 4/6	Nashville, TN	Brooklyn Bowl

***BRAZIL:***

Thu 4/27	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Vivo Rio (with Stone Temple Pilots)
Fri 4/28	Curitiba, Brazil	Tork n Roll (with Skid Row)
Sun 4/3	São Paulo, Brazil	Summer Breeze Festival

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