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***“Hear Bucks Singer/Songwriter Amy Dee of Philadelphia Folksong Society’s Musicians Co-op Celebrate Release of New Americana CD “Come With Me” at Events in Lower Bucks & Philly***

October 4, 2018, Bucks County, PA.

“Come With Me!” says the singer “… and let’s have some fun!” Listeners can take a little trip down a crooked road with local Americana musician, singer, songwriter Amy Duckett Wagner (Amy Dee) at 2 upcoming events celebrating the release of her latest CD, “Come With Me.” The album delivers 13 upbeat original tunes and 2 local shows will offer live music celebration events. It’s only fitting that the CD release events fall during the autumn season of Homecoming since many songs on the album reminisce about Travelin’, Comin’ Home and Family stories.

This songwriter gains inspiration from traveling. The title track, “Come With Me,” was inspired by a few trips south to Louisiana and Texas, with stops in Nashville. This busy songstress is an active member of the Philadelphia Folksong Society’s invitation-only Musician’s Co-op. She has launched four original music CD projects. Another, recorded in New Orleans with a French Quarter jazz trio is almost complete. Her 2017 “Southern Routes” CD project donated some proceeds to The Bucks County Homeless Shelter and an earlier CD donated $1,837 to the Give-A-Christmas Foundation through the Bucks County Courier Times. Artist website, video, social media, photo links, and show details below…

The music on “Come With Me” can be called “newgrass,” offering a twist on traditional country bluegrass instrumentation, adding drums and dobro. At the CD Release Concerts, and on the album, listeners can enjoy the bluegrass standard Martin Guitar licks, the upbeat rollin’ banjo, the twang of the dobro on songs like the waltz, “Midnight Train,” and the rollicking fiddle on “Come With Me” and “A Dollar’s a Dollar.”

For this album, vocalist and guitarist Amy Dee teamed up with some of the area’s finest musicians. The album was co-produced by Jimmy Heffernan and Dave Ziler, building on what Amy Dee calls “Heff’s Magic.” Based in Nashville, Jimmy toured in Joe Diffie’s band for a decade, then with Brad Paisley, Lucinda Williams, playing venues from The Grand Ole Opry to Lincoln Center. The fine musicians on the album include multi-instrumentalist Jimmy Heffernan (dobro, guitar, bass, mandolin, percussion), Dave Ziler (guitar, mandolin), Bobby Baxmeyer (banjo, guitar, dobro), Larry Feldman (fiddle), Mike Hlatky (bass), Guy Leatherman (bass) and Amy Estel Cons (harmony).

On “Come With Me,” the tunes are full of stories and there’s that tribute song, “A Dollar’s a Dollar,” about one surprising encounter her son Jackson had with Dr. Ralph Stanley, a father of modern bluegrass before that Saturday night show at the Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival down near Cowtown in New Jersey. Amy explains, “This is a true story about one night behind the stage at the fest. Young Jackson and his friend had a “dollar trick,”… a dollar on a retractable fishing line, set up. Dr. Ralph was on his way to the men’s room. Ralph Stanley figured it out, ripped off the dollar, and stuck it in his pocket, looked at my son and said, “A Dollar’s a Dollar, Boy.” I watched this play out and the kids turned to me and said, “Mom, that guy stole our dollar!” I turned into a lesson for my son about the value of a dollar.” This album has a dedication to Dr. Ralph Stanley, of The Stanley Brothers, who passed away during this project. The songwriter also pays tribute to local organizations like The Brandywine Friends of Bluegrass and Old-Time Music and The Philadelphia Folksong Society.

Amy likes to say, “this album was homegrown in Pennsylvania, like me, my songs, and Martin Guitars!” In fact, there’s a tune on the album called “Ringin’ Martin Guitar.” (Martin guitars have been made in Nazareth, PA since 1833 and are considered a standard for many Americana, bluegrass and country musicians.)

Amy shares,… “Someone asked me the other day What is newgrass? It’s original music with traditional bluegrass roots that grows in different directions musically, more complex chord progressions, more parts, sometimes adding new instruments like drums.”

CD Release Parties

Amy will perform with five-piece band “Amy Dee & Lucky Dog” on Friday, October 12th at The Philadelphia Folksong Society’s new venue at 6156 Ridge Ave. in Philly’s Roxborough’s section. The band of fine musicians include Bobby Baxmeyer (banjo), Larry Feldman (fiddle), Mike Hlatky (bass), Dave Ziler (guitar, mandolin). Tickets are $12 for non-members and show details are below. There will be an opening act, Whispering Tree, and a meet-n-greet and CDs will be available.

Also, Local folks are invited to a CD release event on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00pm where Amy Dee performs an acoustic show as a duo with multi-instrumentalist Brian Duckett at Fallsington Quaker Meetinghouse Fellowship Hall. This show is free and open to the public, with refreshments, an optional freewill donation, a meet-n-greet, and some proceeds will benefit the Bucks County Homeless Shelter.

The “Come With Me!” CD contains all original tunes, written, composed and arranged by Amy Duckett Wagner. People can listen to samples of the CD and see more information at the website, [www.amyduckettwagner.com](http://www.amyduckettwagner.com) and purchase the CD from Amy Dee or after October 12th at [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com).

"Amy Dee is a big-hearted, music-makin', question-askin', midnight dancin', genre-jumpin' songsmith whose real-life Americana tunes are as fun as a country drive, an upbeat blues, or a swing around the dancefloor!" said Lance Fingles of Gashouse Radio in New Jersey, who calls her “an interesting and prolific songwriter.”

Many locals know Amy Duckett Wagner, since she is a Neshaminy grad who wrote a book about hometown Levittown for the national publisher, Arcadia Publishing in 2010. In the 1990's Amy began to write songs in addition to singing, playing guitar and fiddle. Sojourns to festivals, workshops like Texas' Kerrville Folk Festival’s Songwriter’s Week, and perennial visits to Jay Ungar and Molly Mason’s Ashokan Catskill’s Fiddle Western & Swing Weeks built her skills and musicianship. There Amy Dee would meet and record a CD with The Revelers from Southwest Louisiana (when they were The Red Stick Ramblers). Locally, Amy ran the Acoustic Music Showcase to feature live original music in Newtown for years.

Amy earned a Music Degree from Bucks County Community College in addition to a Bachelor’s in Marketing from Penn State. Ironically, she’s been kind of shy about self-promotion in the past. “It’s like the story of the cobbler’s children. I need to make more time to market my music because I’m so busy playing, writing, recording and rehearsing.”

Amy is a Bucks County native. You can catch Amy’s performances at local folk venues.

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Fri. OCTOBER 12TH Show Details:

What: CD Release Party: “Come With Me!”

Who: Performing singer/songwriter and guitarist Amy Duckett Wagner (Amy Dee) & Lucky Dog. The band of fine musicians include Bobby Baxmeyer (banjo), Larry Feldman (fiddle), Mike Hlatky (bass), Dave Ziler (guitar, mandolin).

Press/Photos: available at <https://www.amydeesongs.com/press>

When: Fri. OCTOBER 12TH , 7:00 pm,

Where: Philadelphia Folksong Society

6156 Ridge Ave. in Philly’s Roxborough’s section.

Phone: (215) 247-1300

How Much: $12 non-members, $10 Philadelphia Folksong Society Members

Ticket Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pfs-co-op-presents-double-album-release-with-amy-dee-and-lucky-dog-the-whispering-tree-tickets-49664980293

Sunday, NOVEMBER 4TH SHOW Details:

What: CD Release Event “Come With Me!”

Who: DUO SHOW with Performing singer/songwriter and guitarist Amy Dee and multi-instrumentalist Brian Duckett

Press/Photos: available at https://www.amydeesongs.com/press

When: Sunday, November 4TH 2:00 pm

Where: Fallsington Quaker Meetinghouse Social Hall

9300 New Falls Road,

Fallsington, PA 19054 (215) 736-1277

www.fallsingtonmeeting.org

How Much: The event is free and open to the public, with refreshments and optional goodwill donation. CDs will be sold and 50% will be donated to the Bucks County Homeless Shelter.

MUSICIAN VIDEO/SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBWMGpbonnbsSZxFJp3WPRQ/playlists?view_as=subscriber>

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