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**PATTERSON HOOD TO RELEASE *MURDERING OSCAR (and other love songs)* on June 23, 2009**

**Hood & the Screwtopians announce first leg of the tour**

“For more than a decade, Hood has been transforming all that preys on him into songs that are loud, rowdy, and angry, but also humorous, intelligent, and compassionate.” – Pitchfork

“Hood is a supremely talented songwriter.” – Popmatters

Athens, GA – Patterson Hood will release *Murdering Oscar (and other love songs)* on June 23, 2009 on Ruth St. Records. The second solo record from the leader of the Drive-By Truckers has been 15 years in the making. The album was produced by Hood and long-time DBT producer David Barbe (Sugar). Most of his DBT band mates join him on the album as well as Don Chambers, Will Johnson and Scott Danbom from Centro-matic/South San Gabriel. This is also the first time Hood’s father David Hood, famed Muscle Shoals bass player, joins him on a record.

The album was recorded at Chase Park Transduction Studios in Athens, GA and will also be released on 180 gram vinyl. The vinyl release will include three exclusive bonus tracks. An a cappella version of “Range War” will also be available exclusively with iTunes. “Pollyanna” and “Pride of the Yankees” are available to preview on his Myspace page: [www.myspace.com/pattersonhood](http://www.myspace.com/pattersonhood).

Hood and the Screwtopians will start the first leg of their tour in Nashville and end with a headlining slot at AthFest in Hood’s hometown of Athens, GA. Joining Hood on tour will be Brad Morgan (drums), John Neff (guitar/steel), Scott Danbom (keys/fiddle), Will Johnson (guitar) and David Barbe (bass), who has not toured since his days with Sugar. Will Johnson will open the shows.

Tour dates:

June 18 Nashville, TN Grimey’s in-store  
June 18 Nashville, TN Mercy Lounge  
June 19 Louisville, KY Headliner’s  
June 20 Chicago, IL The Metro  
June 22 Philadelphia, PA World Café Live  
June 23 Brooklyn, NY Music Hall of Williamsburg  
June 24 New York, NY Bowery Ballroom  
June 25 Washington, DC The Black Cat  
June 27 Athens, GA AthFest

Advance tickets go on sale Tuesday, 4/21 <http://pattersonhood.baselineticketing.com>

Track listing:

1. Murdering Oscar
2. Pollyanna
3. Pride of the Yankees
4. I Understand Now
5. Screwtopia
6. Granddaddy
7. Belvedere
8. The Range War
9. She’s A Little Randy
10. Foolish Young Bastard
11. Heavy and Hanging
12. Walking Around Sense
13. Back of a Bible

BONUS TRACKS (on vinyl only):

Uncle Phil and Aunt Phyllis in the Month After the Election

Playboy Mansion

Sam's in the Ground

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