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This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the untimely death of legendary Austin, Texas singer and songwriter, Blaze Foley, and the release of a deluxe edition version DVD of the documentary film, "Blaze Foley: Duct Tape Messiah."

Foley is a songwriter's songwriter, with Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett, John Prine, and Nancy Griffith covering his songs. His music is authentic, timeless, and heartfelt.

WHAT ...

This year is the 25th anniversary of the death of Austin, Texas songwriter Blaze Foley. To honor his life and his music, Lost Art Records is releasing a deluxe version DVD of the documentary film, "Blaze Foley: Duct Tape Messiah." It contains the Editor's Cut of the film and over three hours of archival video performance by Blaze, more animation, deleted scenes, and candid interviews.

WHEN ...

Release date May 10, 2014

WHO ...

Lost Art Records in Austin, Texas was formed in 1999 to preserve the musical legacy of Texas blues artists Blaze Foley and Bill Neely. Kevin Triplett, a Texas filmmaker now living in Saudi Arabia, has been making documentary and short films since 1998. Distribution is through Lost Art Records (www.lostartrecords.com) and in bulk through South Central Music of Houston, Texas (713-409-9875)

HISTORY ...

Blaze Foley was shot and killed at age 39. His songs are autobiographical, written honestly from his life experiences: his time as an emerging songwriter living in a treehouse with his muse, the lean years playing in the bars of Atlanta, Chicago and Austin, his heyday during the 1970s oil boom of Houston, and his descent into alcoholism with his best friend Townes Van Zandt. At the end of his life, Foley was set to turn his career around with a studio recording and tour of Europe with Townes Van Zandt when he was shot, defending an elderly neighbor. After his lawyer prevented the release of the studio album, a live recording he intended to send to Merle Haggard was issued as the only recording of Blaze Foley's music. Since his death, beginning in 1999, a series of studio recordings has emerged documenting the efforts of studio owners and recording

engineers to help a struggling but gifted songwriter to "make it" in the music business. With his posthumous success, Blaze Foley is clearly wanted more dead than alive.

Filmmaker Kevin Triplett spent twelve years of his life, a house, and his life savings developing and filming this celebrated documentary. Released to positive reviews and enthusiasm, Triplett along with Blaze Foley guitarist Gurf Morlix toured the world showing the film to fans while creating a new era and legacy for the deeply emotional music and life story of Blaze Foley along the way.

Triplett toured with a short version of DUCT TAPE MESSIAH and songwriter/musician Gurf Morlix, who appears in the film, screening it at festivals and in smoky songwriter bars around the world (US, Canada, UK, Netherlands, Germany, Scandinavia, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand). Triplett's ultimate dream was to release the full length version of the film as a deluxe edition DVD with three hours of extended footage and archival material spanning Foley's entire life and career, so viewers can fully experience the entire saga of one of Texas' most unsung and enigmatic musical folk heroes. Such footage includes Blaze Foley's childhood and his epic Austin days, his lost years as a fat boy, as well as his short-lived but legendary showcase at the renowned Kerrville Folk Festival. The moving story of how Foley's friends lovingly raised money to finance his funeral services and burial ends the film on a surprising up note. As Gurf Morlix has stated publicly, "Kevin somehow managed to tell the story of a drunken songwriter who gets shot and everyone leaves feeling really good."

As a close friend of Blaze Foley states during DUCT TAPE MESSIAH, "To me, Blaze wasn't a short story; Blaze was a novel." The upcoming deluxe edition will properly expand its previous boundaries to thoughtfully deliver the novelesque story of comedy and tragedy that was the life of Blaze Foley, the Duct Tape Messiah.

Watch the official documentary film trailer here:
<http://youtu.be/U6cyRxs1JdM>