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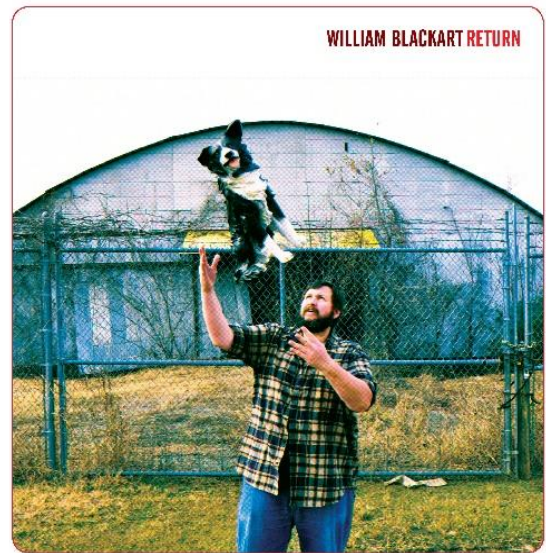
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**Arkansas' William Blackart
Releases Sophomore LP, "Return"
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His voice was rough and emotive;
the stories he told were poetic and captivating,
as substantive as literature.

-Dakota Discography



(Russellville, Ark.) – Named “one of Arkansas’ great songwriting talents” by the Arkansas Times, William Blackart releases his sophomore album on September 28. The aptly-titled “Return” is the follow-up to his 2007 solo debut, “Left,” and working with fellow Arkie songster Adam Faucett as producer, the two have crafted a thicker album in “Return,” compared to the “hypnotic, spare music” (Dakota Discography) of its predecessor.

Blackart has been compared to the folkly-country likes of Townes Van Zant and Kris Kristofferson, while the Lincoln Journal-Star noted, “he hasn’t abandoned his punk origins.” So it goes on “Return,” from the classic country feel of “The Criminal” to the mandolin-fueled energy in “I Know Mine.” Written with a solo performance in mind, Blackart felt the need, once in the studio, to flesh out this set of songs and explore what elements might shine through. As part of his production contribution Faucett lent his guitar, bass and vocal prowess, while Chad Conder (frontman of Arkansas’ Hard Pass and Faucett percussionist) provided the drums.

Since the release of “Left” in 2007 Blackart has toured the country steadily, sharing lineups with acts like Richard Buckner, The Legendary Shack Shakers, Dax Riggs, Kevin Seconds (7 Seconds), Joe Jack Talcum (The Dead Milkmen), and Cory Branan. Likewise, Blackart will be touring in support of “Return” (a mix of solo and accompanied performances), with an initial week-long run of shows in neighboring states leading up to the September 28 release show at White Water Tavern in Little Rock, Ark., and plans to tour the East Coast in November.

(complete and updated tour dates: <https://www.williamblackart.com/shows>).

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