

## TOM JONES - PRESS RELEASE

Jones was born Thomas Jones Woodward in Pontypridd, Wales and started singing at an early age. At 23, he began billing himself as Tommy Scott and singing with the Senators. He went solo the following year and, after changing his name to Tom Jones, with the help of singer-turned-manager Gordon Mills, he won a contract with Decca.

Jones had his first hit in 1965 with 'It's Not Unusual'. His flamboyance and knock-'em-dead sex appeal helped make him a major star, with four more hits that year. An avalanche of gold singles and albums were soon to follow, including 'Delilah', 'Help Yourself', 'Love Me Tonight' and 'Tom Jones in Las Vegas'. His success continued throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s, alongside a TV and film career and residencies in Las Vegas. For a time in the 80s he recorded mainly country music.

After over thirty years in the business, Jones reached a whole new audience when in 1999 he released 'Reload', a collection of cover duets with artists such as The Cardigans, Natalie Imbruglia, Cerys Matthews, Van Morrison, Mousse T, Portishead, The Stereophonics, and Robbie Williams. The album went to #1 in the UK and sold over 4 million copies worldwide. In 2002 another album followed, this one a collaboration with Wyclef Jean. A Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music in 2003 followed in 2003.

Having signed a new record deal last year, Tom Jones returned last month with a sensational new album which "represents the kind of reconnection with his core creative fire that was hinted on a few tracks of his last album, 24 Hours, but is here left naked and bleeding raw, bereft of showbiz blandishments".

To coincide with the new album, Tom is playing five dates around the UK. Starting in Scotland on 5 October he will bring the new album to live in a sensational show that will be, without doubt, the must-see live show on the year. He will also play the Newcastle Metro Arena on 7 October, and then appear in London at the Wembley Arena on 9 October before finishing on home turf in Wales, playing the Millennium Stadium.

The next single from the album is 'If I Give My Soul' and is out on 2 Oct.