



## GUITAR CENTER SINGER-SONGWRITER WINNER TESS HENLEY TO PERFORM ON *JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE!*

Grammy Award-winning producer Don Was handpicked Henley out of nearly 10,000 entries as winner of Guitar Center's Annual Singer-Songwriter program

### ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Guitar Center gives Henley career altering opportunities including an E.P. produced by Don Was, a national television performance on Jimmy Kimmel Live! on Wednesday, January 21 and more*
- *Henley to release Don Was produced E.P. entitled 'Wonderland' on Tuesday, February 10*
- *Guitar Center's Singer-Songwriter is one of multiple programs designed by the retailer to support and inspire musicians*

**Los Angeles, CA** (January 12, 2015): On Wednesday, January 21st, *Guitar Center Singer-Songwriter 3* winner Tess Henley will make her national television debut on prominent late night staple *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* at 11:35/10:35c on ABC. Henley will be performing material off of her latest E.P., *Wonderland*, which was produced by Grammy Award-Winning producer Don Was and is set for release on Tuesday, February 10.

Out of nearly 10,000 entries in *Guitar Center's Singer-Songwriter* annual program, judge and Multi-Grammy Award-winning producer Don Was chose Kent, WA native Tess Henley as the winner. In addition to the Kimmel performance, Henley received a multifaceted career-boosting package including a four-song EP produced by Was, digital distribution through TuneCore, recording time at Converse Rubber Tracks Studio, \$25,000 cash, new gear, musical equipment, and more.

*"As an independent musician, this competition was a prayer answered, and I am forever grateful to Guitar Center for providing the opportunity. To be able to work in the studio with someone as talented as Don Was was a blessing, and I am truly excited to share the music we created – some of my best material yet – with the world on Jimmy Kimmel Live!."*

**- Tess Henley**

Was chose Henley as the winner having instantly connected with her voice's tone and emotion and knowing he could make a full album with the young artist. Was then assembled a dream team to record with Henley at Hollywood's Henson Recording Studios, the birthplace of celebrated projects like Carole King's *Tapestry*, and Joni Mitchell's *Blue*. The legendary musicians of *Wonderland* included James Gadson on drums (*Beck, Marvin Gaye, Bill Withers*), James "Hutch" Hutchinson on bass (*Bonnie Raitt, BB King, Al Green*), Mark Goldenberg on guitar (*Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt*), Mike Finnigan on Hammond Organ (*Jimi Hendrix, Michael McDonald*), Michito Sanchez on percussion (*Train, Aretha Franklin*), and Henley on all keyboards.

Henley's resulting "Wonderland" EP was produced substantially to feature her emotional voice, and give her soulful songs space. Catch Tess' new music on the National ABC show, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and be the first to download the single via [iTunes Pre-sale](#) or [AmazonMP3](#).

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