



KINKY FRIEDMAN'S CIRCUS OF LIFE TOUR COMES TO CLUB PASSIM ON JULY 13TH

*The Kinkster walks the high wire with release of his
all-new CD, "Circus of Life, due July 3*

Cambridge, MA, June 27, 2018 — Legendary Texas singer/songwriter Kinky Friedman has started his second act. Releasing his first collection of all new original songs in nearly four decades on July 3rd, Friedman will visit Club Passim on July 13th, performing two shows, in the midst of his longest jaunt on the road in years. The tour supporting "Circus of Life" will keep him on the road for most of the summer. The new album presents a side of Kinky that few would have suspected in the halcyon days of his Texas Jewboys, laying perhaps legit claim to the title, "The Leonard Cohen of Texas."

Kinky is finally doing it his way. Even in his earliest years he chose to ignore the Nashville ethos that all must be concertedly "radio friendly," sweetened, and over-produced. What he (and producer Brian Molnar, who will be his support act in both sets) have delivered is a simply beautiful album. The first single, "Autographs in the Rain (Song to Willie)" is already in heavy rotation on SiriusXM Outlaw Country, and there are at least four more top-shelf A sides.

"Circus of Life" started with a call from that song subject, Willie Nelson, who asked Kinky what he was doing at that moment. Kinky answered truthfully that he was watching "Matlock", the old TV chestnut, to which Willie replied, "That is a sure sign of depression, Kinky. Turn 'Matlock' off and start writing."

Kinky did just that and started writing the songs he hadn't written or even contemplated for decades, tunes like "Jesus in Pajamas," "Me and My Guitar," and "A Dog Named Freedom." They provide just a few of the highlights on "Circus of Life." As Kinky acknowledged he may, "Just have to stick with songwriting, after all."

To verify this, he's taking it beyond flash mob-style appearances in Galveston, Houston and Nacogdoches, Texas and out on the road for one of the longest, most comprehensive tours of his storied career. He will perform two shows - one at 7PM and one at 10PM - at Club Passim.

Tickets for Kinky Friedman on Friday, July 13th at Club Passim are available online now at www.clubpassim.org, by calling 617-492-7679 (9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday) or at the Club Passim box office sixty minutes before the show begins. Club Passim is located in Harvard Square at 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

About Passim

Passim, a nonprofit arts organization, creates an inspiring and interactive music experience for all, building a vibrant community for artists, students and audience members through its legendary listening venue and school of music. Established in Harvard Square as the Club 47 in 1958 and incorporated as a nonprofit in 1994, Passim has been a cornerstone of the arts community in New England, fostering both performers and audiences alike.

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