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**BOBBY LONG'S 'ODE TO THINKING' CD MAKES BILLBOARD'S
HEATSEEKERS CHART AT #23 AND FOLK CHART AT #19
ITS FIRST WEEK OUT**

**Premiere of Video for First Single "I'm Not Going Out Tonight"
Available Now on Popmatters.com**

Long's U.S./European/UK Tour Continues into November

British singer-songwriter Bobby Long is celebrating the release of his new album, **ODE TO THINKING**, by taking it on the road in the United States, Europe and his native United Kingdom. The album, which was released worldwide on August 7 from Compass Records, has made its way onto the Billboard Heatseekers chart this week, landing at #23, and on the Billboard Folk chart at #19, its first week following release. Powered by the first single, "I'm Not Going Out Tonight, which is picking up steam at AAA radio, **ODE TO THINKING** has been enjoying comments ranging from "Long is a marvelously evocative singer whose rich, husky vocal tone enunciates the clarity of the stories," (*Music Connection*) to *PopMatters* referring to the album as "elegant in its acoustic simplicity" while *Making a Scene* said "This album really is an 'ode to thinking.'



The video for "I'm Not Going Out Tonight," a poignant visual tale of heartbreak and loss directed by Nashville-based filmmaker-musician Casey McBride, premieres today on popmatters.com:

<http://www.popmatters.com/post/196654-bobby-long-im-not-going-out-tonight-video-premiere/>

Now residing in New York, Long, who is best known for his powerfully evocative lyrics set to haunting melodies, has been hard at work bringing his new music to live audiences since launching the tour on August 1 at McCabe's Guitar Shop in Los Angeles. He appeared worldwide on Voice of America's

"Border Crossings" broadcast on the day of release and on the Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour, which streamed live this week from the Lyric Theatre in Lexington, KY and will be broadcast on hundreds of radio and television outlets in the fall. There are

also recent live sessions posted from last.fm, relix.com, ourvinyl.tv and daytrotter.com as well as frequent local radio and television appearances, all showcasing the poignant material that embodies **ODE TO THINKING**.

The album was recorded in Austin, Texas with producer Mark Hallman at his Congress House Studios. It was made possible by a fan-fueled crowdfunding campaign on PledgeMusic.com that closed last week following the fulfillment of pre-orders for the new CD.

Bobby Long emerged from London's burgeoning folk music renaissance, cultivating a strong fan base for his music. He has previously released two well received albums, *A WINTER TALE* (2011) and *WISHBONE* (2013) as well as a five-song EP called *THE BACKING SINGER* (2011) and a volume of poetry, *LOSING MY BROTHERHOOD* (2012). He is planning a follow-up poetry book for next year.

His U.S. shows continue through September 27 after which he spends the month of October touring Europe, culminating in a week of shows in the UK in November. He graced the Acoustic Stage of the venerable Glastonbury Festival in England in June for the first time, his first high profile appearance in his native country.

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Bobby Long's **ODE TO THINKING** Tour continues through September 27 in the U.S.:

August 24-The Frequency, Madison, WI
August 25-Firebird, St. Louis, MO
August 28-Record Bar, Kansas City, MO
August 29-The Blue Door, Oklahoma City
August 30-Sam's Burger Joint, San Antonio, TX
September 2-Cactus Club, Austin, TX
September 3-Poor David's Pub, Dallas, TX
September 4-Warehouse Live, Houston, TX
September 6-Eddie's Attic, Decatur, GA
September 8-Cat's Cradle, Carrsboro, NC
September 25-World Café Live, Wilmington, DE
September 26-The Linda, Albany, NY
September 27-Katharine Hepburn Theatre, Old Saybrook, CT

European Tour

October 3-Hedon, Zwolle, Netherlands
October 4-Paradiso, Amsterdam, Netherlands
October 7-Rio's, Mettmann, Germany
October 8-Hot Jazz Club, Münster, Germany
October 9-Tribunen, Haderslev, Denmark
October 10-Logo, Hamburg, Germany

October 11-Studio 7, Panketal, Germany
October 14-Backstage, Munich, Germany
October 15-Orpheum Extra, Graz, Austria
October 16-Haus der Musik, Vienna, Austria
October 18-ArtUm Centrum, Olomouc, Czech Republic
October 20-Schlachthof, Kassel, Germany
October 21-Das Bett, Frankfurt, Germany
October 22-Arkadas Theatre, Cologne, Germany
October 23-Sotano, Greifswald, Germany
October 24-Kulturlabor, Fehmarn, Germany
October 25-Wabe, Berlin, Germany
October 27-Nörgelbuff, Göttingen, Germany
October 28-Marlene,Hannover, Germany
October 29-Bunker Ulmenwall, Bielefeld, Germany
October 30-Grend, Essen, Germany
October 31-Club Zentral, Stuttgart, Germany

UK Tour

November 3-Hare & Hounds-Birmingham
November 4-Night N Day Café-Manchester
November 5-King Tut's Wah Wah Hut-Glasgow
November 6-The Borderline-London

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