# GIANT SAND (US)

## «Heartbreak Pass» (New West Records, Sortie: 08.05.2015)



**New Album «Heartbreak Pass» out May 5th, 2015 on New West Records.**

**The Band's 30st anniversary.**

**Features Past and Present Members and Friends: Jason Lytle of Grandaddy, Steve Shelley of Sonic Youth, Grant Lee Philipps, John Parish, Maggie Bjorklund, The Common Linnets, Lovely Quinces.**

GIANT SAND, the iconic and influential band fronted by luminary  Howe Gelb, celebrates 30 years of freewheeling and ever-evolving music making on new album «Heartbreak Pass», due  May 5, 2015 on New West Records. The album spans founder Gelb's far-reaching career and mixes the rollicking nature of the band's 1985 debut, Valley of Rain, with the dusty alt-folk, desert-rock and jazzy lounge-piano explorations of his most recent releases.

"There are 3 volumes of 15 songs here representing living 2 lives for 30 years. Don't do the math. It doesn't figure," explains Gelb. "The 1st volume is a loud and lucky abandon, as if there's no choice. The 2nd volume is more heady, steady and direct, what they call Americana these days. The 3rd volume is the heart in constant turmoil from the effect of crossing the pond way too often, the blessed curse of the indie transponder."

Self-produced by Gelb (producing credits include KT Tunstall  and Sylvie Simmons ) the album was truly a global undertaking and made all across the world in between his ping-ponging from the desert to Europe, where he does most of his touring these days. "It first sprouted in Brussels," Gelb reveals. "Some strings attached in Crete... a choir acquired in Canada... a wall of sound in Berlin... then a little noodling in Italy... and a dash in Nashville... a vocal quotient in Croatia... a couple linnets in it in Holland ... Jason's portal in Portland ... the rest slowly simmered in Tucson... and the whole thing was mixed in one place... bristling in Bristol."



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