

**TAJ MAHAL AND KEB’ MO’ RETURN THIS FRIDAY (MAY 23) WITH THEIR FIRST COLLABORATIVE LP IN NEARLY A DECADE, ‘ROOM ON THE PORCH’ (CONCORD RECORDS)**

**AMERICAN MUSIC MASTERS REUNITE TO *“REMIND US WHEN TIMES ARE DARK, MUSIC CAN BRING COMMUNITY, LOVE AND HOPE”* (WNYC)**

**PERFORMANCES THIS WEEK AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY (MAY 23) AND NEW YORK CITY’S LEGENDARY TOWN HALL (MAY 28) KICK OFF THE DUO’S 2025 ‘TAJMO’ TOUR**

A person playing guitar and sitting next to another person

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Taj Mahal and Keb’ Mo’ will release *Room On The Porch*this Friday (May 23), an album that celebrates inclusivity, togetherness and the deep African imprint on American roots music. *“The porch is a metaphor for a perfect world - with the kind of smiles like those between the two of them on the cover,”*said MIX Magazine in a recent front-page profile. *Room On The Porch*also marks the first time these two legends have teamed up in nearly a decade (since 2017’s TajMo), bringing 10 GRAMMY Awards between them - and catalogs that have left an undeniable mark on American music.*"I certainly can't imagine my life without your songs as the soundtrack,"*said Tavis Smiley to Taj Mahal and Keb’ Mo’ during a recent interview about the new album.

*Room On The Porch*features more original co-written tracks between the two American music masters than ever before, while also featuring trailblazing collaborators like John Oates and two-time GRAMMY ‘Song Of The Year’ nominee Ruby Amanfu. Wendy Moten joins Taj Mahal and Keb’ Mo’ on “Better Than Ever,” which will arrive this week with a behind-the-scenes music video. For the TajMo duo though, there was one collaboration that felt particularly moving: *“We had our sons in there playing with us and all the other musicians and writers were hanging the whole time,”*remembers Keb’ Mo’ “*So it was a really fun place to be.”* The results, as MOJO described them in a four-star review, are “a perfect mix of expertise and lightness of touch.”

Pre-order *Room On The Porch* here: [https://found.ee/TajMo-RoomOnThePorch](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffound.ee%2FTajMo-RoomOnThePorch&data=05%7C02%7CHeidi.Kalison%40concordrecords.com%7C9414222035e349de6b0a08dd96f61216%7Cc6f4dcb6ed2e48eea0bfc9fe5b449406%7C1%7C0%7C638832705819016534%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Zz4YLhSyteo7y0GkXJXEYuPtvQsFlZjc2mpieNYOnSI%3D&reserved=0)

A person playing guitar and sitting on a porch

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Listen to the album’s title track here, which “channels a meet-the-folks country tradition in beautifully sweet, downhome style” (Uncut): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMov311u8qg](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DjMov311u8qg&data=05%7C02%7CHeidi.Kalison%40concordrecords.com%7C9414222035e349de6b0a08dd96f61216%7Cc6f4dcb6ed2e48eea0bfc9fe5b449406%7C1%7C0%7C638832705819044947%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7AzN4U7cwb94mQ4V5Lj86K%2FucRK2FzMwbL5kN3FP9HM%3D&reserved=0)

This ten-song collection from Taj Mahal and Keb’ Mo’ encapsulates why “*each of them is a standard-bearer in the genre-bending world of folk, blues, soul and Americana”*(Billboard) - but, as Taj points out, these styles are all deeply tied together by their shared roots. *“If you take the African imprint out of Western music for the last 500 years, there’s almost nothing left,” he*says. *“As much as it might feel like we’re touching on all these different genres, the way I see it, we’re just connecting with the music of our ancestors and their influence on what’s happening now.”*

Taj Mahal and Keb’ Mo’ will also bring their TajMo live show back on the road this summer - celebrating *Room On The Porch* to over a dozen cities across the United States. Live dates will kick off with a special appearance at the Grand Ole Opry (joined by Ruby Amanfu) on album release day (May 23), before their first headline show together at New York’s Town Hall on May 28. For more information visit:  [**https://www.tajblues.com/tour**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tajblues.com%2Ftour&data=05%7C02%7CHeidi.Kalison%40concordrecords.com%7C9414222035e349de6b0a08dd96f61216%7Cc6f4dcb6ed2e48eea0bfc9fe5b449406%7C1%7C0%7C638832705819059139%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ypkDXSmEnHGrT4axVcCFg9q89cNhhg%2BgQpJ13cwEQGQ%3D&reserved=0) and [**http://kebmo.com/**](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fkebmo.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7CHeidi.Kalison%40concordrecords.com%7C9414222035e349de6b0a08dd96f61216%7Cc6f4dcb6ed2e48eea0bfc9fe5b449406%7C1%7C0%7C638832705819070021%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ce3XB11lBeA9SpwGhWgbX4rRxOPjTZsxGU3OwnJlwf4%3D&reserved=0).

***Room On The Porch* Tracklist**

1. Room On The Porch ft. Ruby Amanfu

2. My Darling My Dear

3. Nobody Knows You When You’re Down and Out

4. She Keeps Me Movin’

5. Make Up Your Mind

6. Thicker Than Mud

7. Junkyard Dog

8. Blues’ll Give You Back Your Soul

9. Better Than Ever ft. Wendy Moten

10. Rough Time Blues

**TajMo 2025 Tour Dates:TajMo 2025 Tour Dates:**

5/23 - Nashville, TN - The Grand Ole Opry

5/28 - New York, NY - The Town Hall

5/30 - Sidney, ME - Bowl In The Pines

5/31 - Hammondsport, NY - The Pavilion at Point of the Bluff Vineyards

6/1 – Hyannis, MA – Cape Cod Melody Tent

6/3 – Concord, NH – Capitol Center for the Arts – Chubb Theatre

6/4 - South Deerfield, MA - Summer Stage at Tree House Brewing

6/6 - Bensalem, PA - Xcite Center at Parx Casino

6/7 - Selbyville, DE - Freeman Arts Pavilion

6/8 - Vienna, VA - Wolf Trap, Filene Center

6/10 - Huber Heights, OH - Rose Music Center at The Heights

6/12 - Grand Rapids, MI - Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

6/13 - Interlochen, MI - Interlochen Center for the Arts

6/14 - Highland Park, IL - Ravinia Festival

6/15 - Detroit, MI - Masonic Cathedral Theatre

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