

NEWS RELEASE – PETER NOVELLI RELEASES *ST. AMANT SESSIONS*
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Guitarist and songwriter Peter Novelli will release *St. Amant Sessions*, his third record, April 6, 2015. Novelli has been on the road constantly in support of his 2010 and 2012 releases (*Peter Novelli* and *Louisiana Roots and Blues*) with successful tours in the US, Norway and The Dominican Republic.

During tour breaks, Novelli has been ducking in and out of Brignac's Sound Shack in the small town of St. Amant, Louisiana to record his third record, *St. Amant Sessions*, with guest musicians like slide guitarist Sonny Landreth and his drummer Brian Brignac, the Grammy winning Chubby Carrier, Delbert McClinton's keyboardist Kevin McKendree, cajun accordionist Sammy Naquin and vocalist Lisa Foster (who's worked with Dr John and Alan Toussaint among others).

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"...a potent combination of New Orleans street rhythms, swampy backbeats, jazzy infusions, and a most sincere and innovative approach to the blues..." —Blues Revue

"I don't know how any promotional agency could have helped me in Norway as much as the musicians here," states New Orleans guitar great, Peter Novelli, about his recent welcome as he toured for the first time in Norway. "They hooked me right up and are already booking me for major blues festivals and top venues for 2015. And they help us with housing, transportation food and drink, activities...this country is so enlightened and advanced, very high quality of life and the people are taken care of."

Novelli's insight is well earned. He's seen much of the world since his eponymous *Peter Novelli* was released in 2010. Each year, Novelli intentionally expands his tour radius to include big chunks of the US- the midwest, The Finger Lakes NY region- all the while headlining venues and events in New Orleans, where he is based. The Summer 2014 Louisiana Roots and Blues Tour with New Orleans rhythm section Millard Green and Scott Daugherty kicked off in June and wound up in September at Abilene in Rochester NY.

But it's not just the US that intrigues and calls to Novelli. His music has been embraced by the Caribbean island country Dominican Republic where jazz, blues, and funk genres are gaining popularity with Dominicans as well as with the growing population of ex-pats.

And then there's Norway, where a month long tour forged a new audience for his music and a new respect among Norwegian musicians for Novelli's guitar prowess, vocals and songwriting. Novelli and Louisiana drummer Brian Brignac collaborated with Norwegian guitar guru Bent Patey and bassist Gunnar Engen.

"*St. Amant Sessions* really reflects my growth as an artist, guitarist and songwriter," says Novelli. "My music really has been a journey. I'm inspired by New Orleans sounds as well as funk, zydeco and Louisiana-Texas blues. I love playing, recording and touring the world. There's nothing better than standing on a stage in a foreign country and having an audience dig what you're doing."

St. Amant Sessions will be released April 6, 2014.

- Tammy Brackett, Moonstruck Promotions