

Singer-songwriter's "Love Will Win the War" video released, a timely "spoke-song" for unity over division

WHAT: Amid current headlines, the newly released video for "Love Will Win the War" by Austin-based singer-songwriter Darden Smith promotes a timely message in support of unity over division. Smith hopes the song, which will be featured on his next album *Everything* set for release in April 2017 on Compass Records, will serve as a "spoke-song" for kindness over volume and compassion for others over callous self-interest.

WHY: "It's easy to be kind when everyone around you is kind," says Smith. "But in times of great conflict, kindness and compassion take on radical importance. By reaching out across the divide in our culture, we can sow the seeds of connection. This is what "Love Will Win the War" is all about."

WATCH: The video for "Love Will Win the War," shot in San Antonio, is available here: <https://youtu.be/dYurRj8fYc>.

ABOUT DARDEN SMITH:

*Darden Smith is a singer-songwriter based in Austin whose 30-year career redefines what it means to be a musician. In addition to 15 critically acclaimed albums, Smith continues to break new ground using the craft of songwriting in education, entrepreneurship, and in service to others. He is the founder and creative director of SongwritingWith:Soldiers, a nonprofit that pairs award-winning songwriters with veterans and service members in retreat settings to craft songs about combat and the return home. Smith began writing songs the age of ten, and has been recording since 1986. His music remains rooted in the songwriting traditions of his home state of Texas, while reflecting influences of rock, folk, and Americana rhythms and melodies. Described by All Music Guide as "a singer-songwriter blessed with an uncommon degree of intelligence, depth, and compassion," Smith continues to write songs and tour across the U.S. and Europe, leads songwriting workshops in the US and the UK, and works with major companies in key areas (conflict resolution, team building, innovative thinking) using songwriting to inspire creativity and collaboration within the traditional work environment. He has delivered keynote speeches, contributes to Huffington Post's Arts & Culture Blog, and has recently completed a book manuscript called *The Trick: Surviving a Life in Creativity*. Smith's latest album, *Everything*, will be released in April 2017 on Compass Records. For more information, visit www.dardensmith.com.*

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