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**“INTO THE WILD” SOUNDTRACK FEATURING  
ORIGINAL MUSIC WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY EDDIE VEDDER  
TO BE RELEASED SEPTEMBER 18**

**SOUNDTRACK INCLUDES 9 ORIGINAL AND 2 COVER SONGS  
INSPIRED BY THE FORTHCOMING SEAN PENN WRITTEN AND DIRECTED FILM  
“INTO THE WILD”**

**SEATTLE, WA** - Inspired by the true-life story of Christopher McCandless, singer and guitarist Eddie Vedder wrote and performed music for the forthcoming feature film adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling literary work *Into the Wild*. Written and directed by Sean Penn, *Into the Wild* stars Emile Hirsch, Marcia Gay Harden, William Hurt, Hal Holbrook, Catherine Keener, Jena Malone, Kristen Stewart, Vince Vaughn and Brian Dierker. The *Into the Wild* soundtrack features nine original songs, including "Guaranteed", as well as cover songs "Hard Sun" (written by Canadian recording artist Gordon Peterson) and Society (written by San Francisco North Bay singer-songwriter Jerry Hannan). **The *Into the Wild* soundtrack will be released on September 18th.**

A special **pre-sale of the *Into the Wild* soundtrack begins today at [www.pearljam.com](http://www.pearljam.com)**. Included in this pre-order is the option to purchase a limited-edition commemorative t-shirt.

"I had structured my screenplay dependant on song accompaniment to both visceral and storytelling components," **says *Into the Wild* writer and director Sean Penn**. "It was during the shooting of the film that Eddie Vedder's voice as singer and songwriter came to mind as the right voice for this movie. Within a month of his accepting the request, these great and moving songs poured out of him. No other voice flows, bleeds, or rejoices the young American's land and heart so passionately as Vedder's. His contribution not only raises the impact of the film considerably, but I believe will be an indelible collection independently. Put it in the time capsule under 'Road companions'".

**The full track listing for the *Into the Wild* soundtrack is as follows:**

Setting Forth	Hard Sun ( <i>Gordon Peterson cover</i> )
No Ceiling	Society ( <i>Jerry Hannan cover</i> )
Far Behind	The Wolf
Rise	End of the Road
Long Nights	Guaranteed
Tuolumne	

**More on the film *Into the Wild*:**

Freshly graduated from college with a promising future ahead, 22 year-old Christopher McCandless (EMILE HIRSCH) walked out of his privileged life and into the wild in search of adventure. What happened to him on the way transformed this young wanderer into an enduring symbol for countless people. Was Christopher McCandless a heroic adventurer or a naïve idealist, a rebellious 1990s Thoreau or another lost American son, a fearless risk-taker or a tragic figure who wrestled with the precarious balance between man and nature?

Each strand of his journey is woven into Sean Penn's screen adaptation of Jon Krakauer's acclaimed bestseller, *Into the Wild*, which is as much about the insatiable yearning for family, home and connection as it is the search for truth and happiness.

McCandless' quest took him from the wheat fields of South Dakota to a renegade trip down the Colorado River to the non-conformists' refuge of Slab City, California, and beyond. Along the way, he encountered a series of colorful characters at the very edges of American society who shaped his understanding of life and whose lives he, in turn, changed. In the end, he tested himself by heading alone into the wilds of the great North, where everything he had seen, learned, and felt came to a head in ways he never could have expected.

Paramount Vantage and River Road Entertainment present *Into the Wild*, written and directed by Sean Penn (THE INDIAN RUNNER, THE CROSSING GUARD, THE PLEDGE). The producers are Penn, Art Linson (FIGHT CLUB, THE UNTOUCHABLES) and Bill Pohlad (BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN). The executive producers are John J. Kelly (THE BLACK DAHLIA), Frank Hildebrand (THE HILLS HAVE EYES) and David Blocker (15 MINUTES). The behind-the-scenes team includes cinematographer Eric Gautier (THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES), production designer Derek R. Hill (THE CROSSING GUARD), costume designer Mary Claire Hannan (HURLYBURLY), editor Jay Cassidy (a constant Penn collaborator and editor of AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH) and composers Michael Brook, Kaki King and Eddie Vedder.

Starring with Emile Hirsch (LORDS OF DOGTOWN, Alpha Dog) is a cast that includes Academy Award® winners Marcia Gay Harden (MYSTIC RIVER, POLLOCK) and William Hurt (A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE, KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN), Tony and Emmy Award winner Hal Holbrook (WALL STREET), Academy Award® nominee Catherine Keener (CAPOTE), Jena Malone (PRIDE & PREJUDICE, SAVED!), Kristen Stewart (IN THE LAND OF WOMEN, PANIC ROOM), Vince Vaughn (THE BREAKUP, WEDDING CRASHERS), and Brian Dierker.

Paramount Vantage will release ***Into the Wild*** on September 21<sup>st</sup> in New York and Los Angeles and nationwide in October.

For more information on the film, visit: [www.intothewild.com](http://www.intothewild.com).

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