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Hot Stove Cool Music: The Summer Sessions Gears Up to Rock Red Sox Nation

Theo Epstein, Peter Gammons To Lead August 31 V.I.P. Charity Event Benefiting Foundation to Be Named Later

BOSTON (August 10, 2009) — Music and baseball will hit another homerun for charity this summer with a special Hot Stove Cool Music: The Summer Sessions VIP party, taking place prior to the Counting Crows show at the Bank of America Pavilion. The August 31 event will feature an intimate performance by ESPN's award-winning commentator **Peter Gammons**, Buffalo Tom's **Bill Janovitz**, and Letters to Cleo frontwoman **Kay Hanley**. All proceeds from the VIP concert and reception benefit the Foundation To Be Named Later, the nonprofit launched by Red Sox Executive Vice President/General Manager **Theo Epstein** and his brother Paul.

Tickets for the intimate Hot Stove Cool Music: The Summer Sessions VIP Party are \$125 and can be purchased at HotStoveCoolMusic.org. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The goal of the evening is to build on the success of past Hot Stove Cool Music concerts, which have raised more than \$1.8 million for the Foundation To Be Named Later (a branch of the Red Sox Foundation) and the Jimmy Fund.

"With the support of Boston's sports and entertainment communities, Hot Stove Cool Music: The Summer Sessions has grown into one of the most highly-anticipated events of the season," said Gammons. "I love seeing my two biggest passions — baseball and music — come to life to support a cause close to my heart. I am grateful to everyone who comes together to aid local charities and bring this event to life, including the fans, the Boston Red Sox, and our generous sponsors."

In addition to the Counting Crows concert, VIP ticket holders will enjoy an intimate celebration hosted by Epstein and Gammons, complete with a live and silent auction featuring remarkable sports memorabilia, tickets, and more and delectable dishes from some of the area's best restaurants including Lucky's, Eastern Standard, Lineage, Dante, Tremont 647, Rattlesnake, Avilia, Waterfront Grille, LTK, BOKX 109 and Olives.

The Counting Crows are a Grammy-, Golden Globe-, and Academy Award-nominated rock band led by singer/songwriter Adam Duritz. The group emerged on the music scene in 1993 with the release of their critically acclaimed first album, "August and Everything After," which featured the band's first hit song, "Mr. Jones." Following the success of their debut album, the Counting Crows released "Recovering the Satellites," "Across A Wire: Live in NY," "The Desert Life," and "Hard Candy." The Counting Crows have sold more than 20 million albums and remain a force in the rock music world.

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Bill Janovitz: Frontman for Buffalo Tom - the acclaimed Boston-based band formed at the University of Massachusetts in 1986 - has conquered the world of indie rock. In addition to releasing nine successful albums with the band from 1988-2007, Janovitz has found time to released three solo albums.

Kay Hanley: The Boston-bred, critically-praised songstress first took to the global alternative rock stage as the wiry lead vocalist fronting Letters to Cleo. Best known for their top 10 hit “Here and Now,” Letters to Cleo’s global tours, three major-label albums and the band’s gold records led them to memorable television and film appearances including their prominent role in the film *10 Things I Hate About You*, and Hanley starring as the singing voice of Josie in the hit movie *Josie and the Pussycats*. Hanley has also made her mark as a solo artist with the success of here albums *Baby Doll EP* and *Cherry Marmalade*.

Hot Stove Cool Music: The Summer Sessions VIP Party is sponsored by Greenberg Traurig, Ipswitch Inc, Rasky Baerlein, Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts, Allen & Gerritsen, RCN, Harpoon Brewery, Liberty Mutual, Customer Centricity Inc., Hollister, Inc., Mintz Levin, Hotel Commonwealth and The Improper Bostonian.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION TO BE NAMED LATER

The Foundation To Be Named Later (FTBNL), a branch of the Red Sox Foundation, was launched in the spring of 2005 by Paul Epstein, a social worker in the Brookline Public School system, and his twin brother, Red Sox Executive Vice President and General Manager Theo Epstein. The mission of the FTBNL is to raise funds and awareness for non-profit agencies that serve disadvantaged youth and families in the Greater Boston area. The FTBNL has contributed \$1 million in grants and \$1 million in in-kind donations to more than 150 non-profit organizations, and has sent more than 1,000 children to Red Sox and Celtics home games. The principal beneficiaries of the FTBNL include Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL), The Home for Little Wanderers, Horizons for Homeless Children, Molo Care, Roxbury Youthworks, Steps to Success, City Year Boston, Citizen Schools, West End House Boys & Girls Club, and Room To Grow.

ABOUT HOT STOVE COOL MUSIC

Hot Stove Cool Music is a biannual charity concert and musical variety show held at the Paradise Rock Club and Fenway Park. The event was created in December of 2000 by ESPN commentator and Baseball Hall of Fame sports writer Peter Gammons and former Boston Herald sports writer Jeff Horrigan. Over the past seven years, Hot Stove Cool Music has become a staple on Boston’s entertainment calendar and has raised more than \$1.8 Million for the Jimmy Fund and Theo and Paul Epstein’s Foundation To Be Named Later, a branch of the Red Sox Foundation.

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