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"One of the New Jersey pop-music scene's most ambitious efforts to respond to the terrorist attacks" – Star Ledger

Jerry Jams, Jerry Cares

Charity CD & benefit concert series in tribute to Jerry Garcia

Three CDs, 36 songs, four hours of music by David Grisman, Railroad Earth, David Gans, Amfibian, Dark Star Orchestra, Toni Brown and many more to celebrate 40th anniversary of the Dead and Jerry's 65th birthday and to commemorate the 10th anniversary of his death.

Jerry Garcia once said, "Somebody's gotta do something. It might as well be us."

Jersey Jams Fund has taken that idea to heart with *Jerry Jams, Jerry Cares* a three-disc charity CD and nine-show benefit concert series in tribute to Garcia that will kick off in early June. Proceeds from CD, ticket and raffle sales will go to Jersey Jams Fund (www.jerseyjamsfund.com), a fiduciary fund of Bergen County United Way that supports the Jersey Jams, Jersey Cares music scholarship and mentorship programs, as well as Little Kids Rock (www.littlekidsrock.org), an after-school music mentorship program. Money raised will enable Jersey Jams Fund to bring Little Kids Rock into the Camden and Garfield school districts, while continuing its own event-oriented music mentorship program. A new scholarship program will be created to help disadvantaged New Jersey high school seniors afford to study music or music education in college.

Jersey Jams also will make a sizeable donation to the Grateful Dead's Rex Foundation in appreciation of the Dead family's generous support and in memory of Scott Larned, the recently deceased keyboardist of Dark Star Orchestra, one of more than 30 Jerry Jams participants. The disc also is "Dedicated" to Andrea Daugherty, the beloved Bubble Chick, who greatly helped Jersey Jams Fund and many other charities as head of sponsor The Stone Pony's Hippie Army.

Mastered by Grammy-winning engineer Scott Hull, *Jerry Jams, Jerry Cares* features 36 songs also by David Grisman Quintet, Railroad Earth, David Gans, Amfibian, Toni Brown and many more. The project also celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Dead and Jerry's 65th birthday, while commemorating the 10th anniversary of his death. Highlights include:

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• All-star jams featuring Soulfarm with Lakewood native T Lavitz of Jazz Is Dead and Dixie Dregs, Zen Tricksters with Rob Barraco of The Dead, and Matt Angus Thing with drumming great Bernard Purdie

• Reunions of popular New Jersey acts Rose Hill and Nobody's Business

First-time ever studio collaborations between cousin singer-songwriters Gregg and Laurie Cagno

• A brilliant Dave Brubeck-like "Dark Star" arranged by John Ginty of Citizen Cope and Robert Randolph fame and featuring singer Kathy Phillips

• A song-oriented acoustic disc featuring stellar roots versions of "Catfish John" by Railroad Earth, "Midnight Moonlight" by Michael Patrick & the Suburban Hillbillies, "Cumberland Blues" by Only Footprints and an instrumental "Friend of the Devil" by C Lanzbom of Soulfarm

• Inspiring liner notes by Grateful Dead spokesman-historian Dennis McNally.

Highlights of the "Jerry Jam" CD release parties include two of the Northeast's most popular festivals, a reunion of members of Relix recording acts Toni Brown Band, Solar Circus and World Within, and a headlining set by the great veteran jam band The Samples. The third annual Jerry Jams, Jerry Cares concert series will include:

• Dark Star Orchestra, 8 p.m. **June 3, Count Basie Theatre**, 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank. \$25 and \$29.50. Jerry Jams CD for sale for \$20, along with \$1 raffle tickets for DSO merchandise and Count Basie tickets. (732) 842-9000, www.countbasietheatre.org

• Alligator, 10 p.m. **June 17, Tierney's**, 136 Valley Road, Montclair. \$6, includes three raffle tickets to win Dead/Jerry merchandise, including Jerry Jams CD, which also will be for sale. 21 and up. (973) 744-9785, www.tierneystavern.com

• Black Potatoe Festival, **July 8-10, Red Mill Museum Village**, 56 Main St., Clinton. Info announced soon at 908-735-6429 and www.blackpotatoe.com

• Scarecrow Collection, Matt Angus Thing, Swampadelica, Patrick Fitzsimmons, Stir Fried, Catherine Moon, Soulfarm, 8 p.m. **Saturday, August 6, Mexicali Blues**, 1409 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck. \$20, includes "Jerry Jams" CD, raffle ticket to win Dead merch & free Mexican muchies buffet from 8-9:30 p.m. 201-833-0011, www.mexicaliblues.com, www.createavibe.com

• The Samples, Amfibian, Rose Hill reunion, Ja Fizz, J-Pat, Water, Nobody's Business w/Liz Brody, Jones, Natural Breakdown, Bohemian Sunrise, 2-10 p.m., **Sunday, Aug. 7, Stone Pony**, 913 Ocean Ave., Asbury Park. \$20, includes *Jerry Jams*, *Jerry Cares* CD & raffle ticket to win Dead merchandise. All-ages, free 15 & under. 732-502-0600, www.stoneponyonline.com

• Gathering of the Vibes, **Aug. 13, Indian Lookout Country Club**, Mariaville, NY. Jerry Jams CD for sale. For tickets, call 800-677-8650 or visit www.gatheringofthevibes.com

• Relix Reunion Revue, Toni Brown Band, Juggling Suns, Michael Patrick & the Suburban Hillbillies, Dyer Weed, Only Footprints, Gregg Cagno, Laurie Cagno, Mike G. & Friends, Caren Kennedy, 2-10 p.m., **Sunday, Aug. 14, Havana**, 105 S. Main Street, New Hope. \$20, includes *Jerry Jams*, *Jerry Cares* CD and raffle ticket for many prizes. All-ages, free for 15 and under. Bring the kids for Jerry's birthday cake, games, children's art project/display and raffle for Deaddy Bears & Love Me Do harmonica package. 215-862-5501, www.havananewhope.com

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- Michael Patrick, Caren Kennedy and Sam Mann of Alligator, 8 p.m. **Saturday, Aug. 20, Indigo Coffeehouse**, Aberdeen Pavilion, 1208 Route 34 South, Aberdeen. Artists will perform straight sets & in a round. Free admission. (732) 566-6233, "www.indigostrail.com"

- Matt Angus Thing and many others, TBA **10, Red Mill Museum Village**, 56 Main St., Clinton. \$10, includes raffle ticket to win "Jerry Jams" CD and other Dead/Jerry merch. 908-735-4101, www.redmill.org.

Seven previous "**Jerry Jams**" concerts have taken place over the past two years at Mexicali Blues; Havana; Paul's Tavern, Belmar; Waterfront Café, Carlstadt; Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick; and Pattenburg House, Pattenburg. Since forming in September 2001, Jersey Jams Fund has raised more than \$42,000 through sales of its series of charity CDs and benefit concerts, as well as individual and corporate donations. With the money, it has:

- Given \$22,000 in school band equipment and musical lessons to 37 New Jersey Children of 9/11 between the ages of 4 and 16 as a form of music therapy
- Produced eight free music mentorship events in tribute to Garcia, Count Basie, The Beatles and the blues that were attended by nearly 1,000 children
- Established a sponsorship of Little Kids Rock after-school music mentorship program
- Donated 900 copies of its healing *Jerry Jams, Jerry Cares* debut CD, featuring Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Bernie Worrell and Levon Helm, to NJ Families of 9/11 and troops in Afghanistan and Iraq
- Donated \$1,000 to family and cultural charities.

In addition to Hull, the Pony and Bergen County United Way, sponsors of "Jerry Jams, Jerry Cares" include United Way of Camden County, Comcast, Concerts East, Max Cruise, Create A Vibe, Stone Pony, Mexicali Blues, Starland Ballroom, Disc Makers, Mow the Dog Productions, Atomic Productions, JamBase, Grateful Dead Hour, Havana, Homegrown Radio NJ, Upstage, Jam Till Dawn, Liquid Blue, Gathering of the Vibes, Indigo Coffeehouse, Charl's HandiJam and Giancarla's Little Design Company.

The three-CD set only will be available at the aforementioned shows, Jersey Jams' booth at Mexicali Blues, Stone Pony and Starland Ballroom and online at www.jerseyjamsfund.com. More Jerry Jam concerts will be announced soon. For more info, email jersey_jams@yahoo.com or call 732-977-8902.