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MELVIN SEALS & JGB TO PAY HOMAGE TO JERRY GARCIA AT THIRD ANNUAL AFTIVAL IN AUGUST BY RECREATING TWO LEGENDARY JERRY GARCIA BAND SHOWS FROM 1976

AFTIVAL PERFORMANCES BY MELVIN SEALS & JGB ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 AT THE HIVE IN SANDPOINT, IDAHO TO FEATURE TRAVIS BEAN GUITAR PREVIOUSLY OWNED AND PLAYED BY THE LATE, GREAT JERRY GARCIA ON SELECT TOUR DATES IN 1976

YONDER MOUNTAIN STRING BAND TO PERFORM WITH JERRY GARCIA'S TAKAMINE EF360S, MARKING FIRST TIME GUITAR HAS BEEN PLAYED IN PUBLIC SINCE JERRY GARCIA USED IT WITH THE JERRY GARCIA ACOUSTIC BAND, INCLUDING THE FAMOUS AND HISTORIC LUNT FONTANNE RUN IN 1987

Jerry Garcia and Grateful Dead fans have, yet, something else to look forward to this summer as the band celebrates their 50th Anniversary in 2015.

Welcome to AFTIVAL, a two-weekend concert series at The Hive in Sandpoint, Idaho taking place on August 7-8 and 14-15 hot on the heels of the Grateful Dead's Fare Thee Well three-night spectacle at Chicago's Soldier Field in early July.

Weekend one will be kicked off by The Funky Meters on Friday (8/7), with the Yonder Mountain String Band hitting the stage on Saturday (8/8), where the band's guitarist/vocalist Adam Aijala will be playing with the very same Takamine EF360s that Jerry Garcia played from approximately 1985 until 1988, including the famous Lunt Fontanne shows in October of 1987. This marks the first time the guitar will be used for a public performance since Jerry performed with it on stage in '87.

The second weekend of the third annual AFTIVAL will feature two rare and unique performances by Melvin Seals & JGB as the band recreates two Jerry Garcia Band performances from 1976 song-by-song using the same Travis Bean TB500 #11 guitar owned and played by Garcia in these shows in 1976.

"We look forward to bringing Melvin Seals & JGB to The Hive for what promises to be a truly memorable AFTIVAL event," states Jeff Grady, Hive owner, AFTIVAL producer and owner of three historically significant, stage-played Jerry Garcia guitars, including the Travis Bean TB500 #11.

"Watching JGB guitarist and vocalist David Hebert perform with Jerry's guitar at the two shows will be a special moment for all in attendance, including me," comments Jeff, adding, "It will be an historic tribute where Jerry's guitar will be reunited with the music that Jerry loved so much... this particular guitar is seen and heard on the Grateful Dead

album, Long Strange Trip. Twenty years almost to the week after his passing, Jerry will definitely be here in spirit."

Melvin Seals is looking forward to the show stating, "We haven't been to Idaho in a while... looking forward to seeing all the fans and rocking the house!"

Celebrating its third year, AFTIVAL follows the Festival at Sandpoint where, for over thirty years, people have traveled hundreds and even thousands of miles to see music artists over the course of consecutive weekends in August.

What initially started off as a rather local event has now attracted followers from surrounding states and beyond.

As an avid music fan, Jeff Grady's initial mission with both The Hive and AFTIVAL was to bring great music to Sandpoint... mission accomplished.

Located at the foot of the Selkirk mountains and on the shores of beautiful Lake Pend Oreille, The Hive has become one of the Pacific Northwest's premier live music venues.

"We hope to conjure up some great vibes by honoring Jerry Garcia over these two nights in August and, wholeheartedly, expect Jerry and Dead fans from all over the country to attend."

While the four remaining original members of the Grateful Dead -- Mickey Hart, Bill Kreutzmann, Phil Lesh and Bob Weir -- gear up for their epic three-night "Fare Thee Well" 50th Anniversary concert event (with renowned musicians Trey Anastasio, Jeff Chimenti and multiple GRAMMY-winner Bruce Hornsby) taking place on July 3, 4 and 5 from Chicago's Soldier Field, Dead fans can certainly anticipate the Sandpoint tribute to Jerry Garcia by Melvin Seals & JGB come August.

On Friday, August 14, The Hive -- located at 207 North First Avenue in Sandpoint, Idaho -- will be hosting a special Meet & Greet reception with Melvin Seals & JGB prior to the show (5:00pm - 6:00pm) for those who purchase a VIP ticket for that evening (or Saturday). A special \$50 ticket will enable ticket buyers access to both the M&G and show that night. Fans will get the opportunity to meet Melvin and the band and will also be able to view three historically-significant guitars that were once owned and played by Jerry Garcia that will be on display (Travis Bean TB500 #11, Travis Bean TB500 #12 and Takamine EF360s). "Up close and personal."

What a long strange trip it's been... and the appearance of Melvin Seals & JGB at this summer's AFTIVAL only proves it isn't over yet.

Tickets for each of the four shows are \$40 and go on sale today, Tuesday, June 2, via the TicketsWest link on The Hive site - www.LiveFromTheHive.com.

A four-show ticket is available for \$120.

A select number of VIP booths are available for all four shows.

Please contact VIP@LiveFromTheHive.com for further information.

Tickets can also be purchased day-of-show at the venue.

If you'd like to interview Melvin Seals or Jeff Grady, please contact Jeff Albright / The Albright Entertainment Group at RockStarPR@aol.com.

Additional press materials (Melvin Seals & JGB photos, images/history of the Jerry Garcia guitars and venue photos) are available upon request.

AFTIVAL SITE - www.LiveFromTheHive.com

MELVIN SEALS & JGB SITE - www.MelvinSealsandJGB.com

YONDER MOUNTAIN STRAING BAND SITE - www.YonderMountain.com

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