



WIDESPREAD PANIC TO BE HONORED AT THE 5th ANNUAL BILLBOARD CONFERENCE & AWARDS

***Band is set to play the Benefit & Tribute for The Bill Graham Memorial
Foundation during conference***

With their recent induction to the **Georgia Music Hall of Fame** under their collective belt, touring legends **Widespread Panic** are receiving another special honor – the first-ever **Road Warrior Award** at the **5th Annual Billboard Touring Awards**. The awards signify the culmination of the two-day Billboard Touring Conference, taking place at New York City's **Roosevelt Hotel** on **Nov. 19-20th, 2008**. The Road Warrior Award was conceived to recognize the band's commitment to touring year after year and dedication to the art of live performance.

While being honored at the Billboard Conference & Awards, Widespread Panic will also take the time to honor music industry legend Bill Graham. The band will take the stage for the second year in a row at the **Benefit & Tribute for The Bill Graham Memorial Foundation**. The concert will take place at **The Fillmore New York at Irving Plaza** during Billboard's Tour Conference & Awards on November 19th. This show is a tribute and benefit for **The Bill Graham Memorial Foundation** which is dedicated to preserving the life and work of rock impresario and producer **Bill Graham**, who founded The Fillmore's' both in San Francisco and New York in the 1960's. **The Bill Graham Memorial Foundation** has given grants totaling almost 2 million dollars to worthy organizations in the areas of music and arts education, social work, environmental protection, spiritual and compassionate projects.

Before the band heads to New York City in November, they will finish off a whirlwind fall tour with a special **Halloween** show in New Orleans. For Panic fans who can't make it down to the Big Easy for the festivities, the show will be webcast live from **UNO Lakefront Arena, New Orleans, LA** in its entirety on www.iclips.net and www.widespreadpanic.com. The show will begin at 8:15pm. **Widespread Panic** has partnered with **iClips.net** and **Digome**, a Nashville, TN based provider of custom web 2.0 and 3.0 solutions including DVD quality streaming capabilities for live events, in order to bring fans what is sure to be a memorable show.

Catch the "Road Warriors" in action at one of their remaining tour dates in 2008:

10/24-25	Charleston, SC @ North Charleston Coliseum
10/26	St. Augustine, FL @ Saint Augustine Amphitheatre
10/28-29	Miami, FL @ The Fillmore Miami Beach at Jackie Gleason Theatre
10/31-11/1	New Orleans, LA @ UNO Lakefront Arena
11/5	Indianapolis, IN @ The Murat Centre
11/7-9	Milwaukee, WI @ Riverside Theater
11/19	New York, NY @ The Fillmore New York at Irving Plaza
12/30-31	Denver, CO @ Pepsi Center

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