



PEARL JAM'S U.S. TOUR SUPPORTS LYBBA AND ADVOCACY FOR PATIENTS

Pearl Jam – long recognized as one of the most philanthropic musical groups in the world – has announced that a portion of the proceeds of its 2009 U.S. Tour will support the band's Vitalogy Foundation, and lead guitarist Mike McCready has chosen Lybba and Advocacy for Patients with Chronic Illness as Vitalogy Foundation beneficiaries.

Lybba is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and empower people to lead healthy lives. Lybba believes that all the world's medical knowledge should be available to everyone, unbiased, up-to-date, and free of charge. Lybba's Founder, Jesse Dylan, is spearheading the construction of a website that combines medical information with social networking tools so that patients can find both information and a community of individuals, health experts, and organizations who are passionate about sharing experiences and creating discussion around healthcare.

Advocacy for Patients is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides free information, advice and advocacy services to chronically ill patients nationwide in areas including health and disability insurance, Social Security disability, employment discrimination, school-based accommodations, and resource location.

"We are profoundly grateful to Pearl Jam – and to Mike McCready in particular – for their support of our work," said Jesse Dylan. "Together with Advocacy for Patients, we are connecting individuals and communities through our platform and empowering them with interactive tools enabling collaborative problem solving."

Advocacy for Patients Founder Jennifer Jaff added, "Pearl Jam's Mike McCready has supported us from the start. By introducing us to Lybba, we now can ensure that hundreds of thousands of patients will have access to the legal, insurance, and financial assistance information that they need, free of charge. We are grateful to Pearl Jam's Mike McCready for his continued support, and we are immensely proud to be working with Jesse Dylan, whose vision for Lybba will improve the lives of patients around the globe."

For further information about Lybba, go to www.lybba.org or call 323-653-2300.

For further information about Advocacy for Patients, go to <http://www.advocacyforpatients.org> or call (860) 674-1370.