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Across California, Musicians Call on Governor to Stop the Moth Spray

From Los Angeles, Bonnie Raitt Calls on Government for "Reason and Responsibility," while Bob Weir, Maria Muldaur, & David Pack Headline June 8th Event in Marin

(Sausalito, CA) – Today, Grammy-winning pop and blues artist Bonnie Raitt joined the coalition of musicians in opposition to aerial pesticide spraying in California. Raitt echoes dozens of musicians who in the past few weeks have come out in opposition to the misuse of pesticides in California to control the light brown apple moth (LBAM).

"The Governor and U.S. Department of Agriculture's callous disregard for the public's health in this situation is absolutely shocking. With enough pressure from the Bay Area's citizens whose lives will be affected by this misguided policy, we can bring some reason and responsibility back to our government policy and STOP THE SPRAY!" said Bonnie Raitt in a statement from Los Angeles.

Several musicians, including Bob Weir, Maria Muldaur and David Pack, are putting their words into action and will be performing at Stop the Spray LIVE! this weekend in Sausalito. (Bonnie Raitt, who is currently in Los Angeles, will not be at the benefit). The concert highlights opposition to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the United States Department of Agriculture's plans to spray pesticides for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) throughout California communities.

David Pack, originally of the band Ambrosia and one of the concert's headliners said, "Putting thousands of people's lives and health at risk to eradicate a potentially harmless moth does not make much sense. We have to stand up and say STOP THE SPRAY together with one voice. I am passionate about protecting people, and this flawed program has awakened something in me that proves how important it is for the artist community to come together in this way to help stop this senseless act."

"Artists are banding together to create a sound and message that will reverberate all the way to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. They are saying loud and clear that pesticides should not be sprayed over our communities or in our backyards," said Judi Shils, Director of Search for the Cause and Co-Founder of Stop the Spray Marin.

For the past several months, environmental and health groups have joined over 30,000 residents who have signed a petition in opposition to pesticide spraying, as well as 30 local governments.

For more updates and information, or to purchase tickets for Stop the Spray LIVE!, visit www.StoptheSprayMarin.org

WHAT: Stop the Spray LIVE! Concert

WHERE: Sausalito By the Bay, 2330 Marinship Way, Sausalito, CA

WHO: Musicians Bob Weir, Norton Buffalo, Elvin Bishop, Maria Muldaur, Special Guest Tommy Castro, David Pack of Ambrosia, Larkin Gayl, Austin DeLone, Phat Barbies, the Bob Hill Band, members of Vinyl, and the Shamanic Cheerleaders. Peter Coyote will MC the event.

WHEN: Sunday, June 8, 2008, 1-6pm

Stop the Spray Marin is a community-based group of citizens concerned for the health, environmental and economic risks of the planned Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) eradication program, and committed to sustainable, non-toxic and ecologically sound alternatives in pest control and farming.

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