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“MOLTO AMORE: A SALUT! TO SILKWORM” AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Musical Community Gathers In Tribute To Honor Exemplary Band.

CHICAGO, IL, March 3, 2007 – Pensamplivox Records, in conjunction with The Empty Bottle, will host “Molto Amore: A Salut! To Silkworm”, an evening of tribute to the venerable rock group.

Silkworm spent the better part of two decades as a highly respected creative force in ‘independent’ music. Beginning in the Northwest as a quartet, Andy Cohen, Tim Midgett and Michael Dahlquist continued on into the Midwest as a trio after the mid-90’s departure of guitarist Joel RL Phelps. In total, Silkworm crafted dozens and dozens of highly charged, introspective, angular songs across 14 separate EP and LP releases. Their constant attention to quality, originality, and savvy story telling resulted not only in an unfaltering fan base, but also in genuine relationships with regional, national and international music communities.

On July 14, 2005, drummer Michael Dahlquist and close friends and Chicago musicians John Glick and Doug Meis were tragically killed in a head on collision, while stopped at a red light. As continuing without Michael was inconceivable, Silkworm’s final act was to release an EP of new songs and live performances. Entitled *Chokes!* and made available at the end of 2006, this last musical offering punctuates the formal conclusion of Silkworm’s lauded musical imprint.

As early as Spring 2005, efforts were underway to assemble a collection of Silkworm songs, recorded in tribute by members of Silkworm’s extended family and fan base. Due to a staggering amount of contributions, the tribute swelled to 29 tracks across a two CD set, including takes on Silkworm favorites by .22, Mirror America, The Kadane Brothers, Treasure State, and Heather Whinna and Steve Albini. Spearheaded by Isaac Turner, *An Idiot Not To Appreciate Your Time: The Songs of Silkworm* was released on his Genuflect Records imprint in August, 2006.

“Molto Amore: A Salut! To Silkworm” will continue the tribute with live performances from musical groups playing tracks from the Genuflect Records album, additional songs from the Silkworm catalog, and original material.

Preceding the music will be an extended trailer preview of *Couldn't You Wait? The Story of Silkworm*, a forthcoming film tracing years of history and achievement. Director Seth Pomeroy and crew will also be filming the evening's musical performances.

All proceeds of the evening's performance, including select Silkworm and performing band merchandise sales will be donated to pre-determined charities in Michael Dahlquist's name. Additional donations can be made through the Tim Midgett Monocle Challenge, best explained through the following URL:
<http://www.electrical.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=24127>.

Event Line-up

7:00pm *Couldn't You Wait: The Story of Silkworm* Extended Preview Screening
www.myspace.com/couldntyouwait

7:30pm The Chrome Robes
www.myspace.com/thechromerobes

8:15pm The Kyle Sowashes
www.kylesowash.com

9:00pm The Asunders
www.myspace.com/theasunders

9:45pm Push-Pull
www.myspace.com/pushpull

10:30pm Joesepi
www.joesepi.com

11:15pm Century Rocket Building
www.pensamplivox.com/crb

12:00pm .22
<http://www.rockband22.com>

12:45am Chris Brokaw
<http://www.chrisbrokaw.com/>

Additional Resources

www.joesepi.com/silkworm

www.emptybottle.com

www.silkworm.net

www.dougjohnmichael.com

www.silkwormtributerecord.com

www.bottomlesspit.us (New music project from Tim & Andy of Silkworm)

www.joelrphelps.com

www.pvxrecords.com.

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