

**CLEARWATER
CREATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
LEADERS
HOSTS BENEFIT CONCERT IN
CELEBRATION
OF
PETE SEEGER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

**FEATURING
DAVE MATTHEWS, EDDIE VEDDER, BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
JOHN MELLENCAMP, EMMYLOU HARRIS, JUANES,
ARLO GUTHRIE, ANI DIFRANCO AND MICHAEL FRANTI
AMONG OVER 40 ARTISTS PERFORMING
FOR A ONE NIGHT ONLY CONCERT**

MAY 3RD AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

*American Express Pre-Sale Tickets on Sale Monday, March 23, 2009 at 9am
Public On-Sale Monday, March 30, 2009 at 9am*

NEW YORK, March 18, 2009 — *The Clearwater Concert: Creating the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders*, a star-studded, one night only concert event celebrating Pete Seeger's 90th Birthday, will be held on Sunday, May 3, at 7pm, at Madison Square Garden. This once-in-a-lifetime concert event will benefit and raise awareness for **Hudson River Sloop Clearwater**, founded by Pete Seeger, which strives to preserve and protect the Hudson River. Seeger, a legendary folk singer, political activist and avid environmentalist, has long inspired social change through his extraordinary life and music. *The Clearwater Concert: Creating the Next Generation of Environmental Leaders* will feature over 40 artists representing a wide variety of musical genres and generations, including **Joan Baez, Ben Harper, Ani DiFranco, Dave Matthews, Michael Franti, Emmylou Harris, Juanes, John Mellencamp, Tao Rodriguez-Seeger, Bruce Springsteen, Taj Mahal, Eddie Vedder, and Keller Williams**. The evening, hosted by Clearwater, will focus on ensemble renditions of musical treasures inspired by **Pete Seeger**.

American Express pre-sale tickets will be available starting Monday, March 23 at 9am. Public on-sale will begin Monday, March 30 at 9am. Tickets are available via Ticketmaster.com and range from \$19.19-\$250, with a majority priced at \$90 to honor Pete's birthday. Special Clearwater Legacy Tickets will also be available. For more information, please visit www.Seeger90.com

“Pete Seeger's historic contributions to the environmental movement and the fight for social justice have inspired millions of people. Approaching 90, his great deeds shine on and continue to remind us that nothing is beyond our reach. Clearwater thanks the many gracious musicians gathering to celebrate Pete's life and help create a living legacy in his honor: the next generation of environmental leaders,” said Jeff Rumpf, Executive Director for Clearwater.

Confirmed artist lineup, subject to change.

Abigail Washburn and the Sparrow Quartet	Ladysmith Black Mambazo
Ani DiFranco	Larry Long
Arlo Guthrie	Michael Franti
Bela Fleck	Mike & Ruthy Merenda
Ben Bridwell (Band of Horses)	Native American Indian Cultural Alliance
Ben Harper	NYC Labor Chorus
Bernice Johnson Reagon	Patterson Hood (Drive-By Truckers)
Billy Bragg	Preservation Hall Jazz Band with Del McCoury
Billy Nershi (String Cheese Incident)	Ramblin' Jack Elliott
Bruce Cockburn	Richie Havens
Bruce Springsteen	Scarlet Moore
Dar Williams	Silvio Rodriguez
Dave Matthews	Steve Earle
Eddie Vedder	Taj Mahal
Emmylou Harris	Tao Rodriguez-Seeger
Guy Davis	Tom Chapin
Jay Ungar & Molly Mason	Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine)
Joan Baez	Tom Paxton
John Mellencamp	Tommy Sands
Juanes	Tony Trischka
Kate & Anna McGarrigle	Toshi Reagon
Keller Williams	Warren Haynes
Kris Kristofferson	

ABOUT CLEARWATER

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. is an environmental organization with the mission to preserve and protect the Hudson River through inspiration, education and action. Legendary folk musician and activist Pete Seeger founded the organization in 1966 when he decided to “build a boat to save the river” with the belief that a majestic replica of the sloops that sailed the Hudson in the 18th and 19th centuries would bring people to the river, where they could experience its beauty and be moved to preserve it. Thus inspired, the 106-foot-long tall ship *Clearwater* was launched three years later.

Since 1969 almost half a million people have experienced the Hudson River first-hand—its living organisms, water chemistry and ecological principals—aboard the sloop *Clearwater*. Named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004 for its role in the environmental movement, the *Clearwater* was among the first vessels in the U.S. to conduct science-based environmental education aboard a sailing ship, effectively creating a template by which such programs are conducted around the world today. Clearwater's environmental education programs now serve more than 15,000 students and their teachers annually, and the organization's members have helped push for passage of the landmark Clean Water Act and fight for removal of toxic PCB's from the Hudson.

To help raise awareness for its mission, Clearwater presents the Great Hudson River Revival each June at Croton Point Park, located in Westchester County, an hour north of New York City. This two-day music festival will take place June 20-21, 2009. Tickets go on sale on March 17, 2009. Year after year, Clearwater's unique approach to public outreach has made the *Clearwater* a symbol of grassroots action through hands-on learning, music and celebration. www.clearwater.org/festival

Please visit www.clearwater.org for more information on Clearwater and its programs.

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