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**MICHAEL FRANTI & SPEARHEAD  
ADDED TO STELLAR  
JAZZ ASPEN SNOWMASS JAM BAND BLOW OUT  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Tickets On Sale Now

Aspen, CO. -- June 26, 2007 -- The last piece of the puzzle fell into place today with the announcement that **Michael Franti & Spearhead** will play at 5 pm on Sunday, September 2nd, at **Jazz Aspen Snowmass** presented by **Calamos Investments**, in Snowmass Town Park. They'll be joining a sterling lineup that includes **The Allman Brothers Band, John Legend, Gov't Mule, Joss Stone, The Derek Trucks Band and Susan Tedeschi, Leftover Salmon, Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals, and Nickel Creek.**

Michael Franti & Spearhead have created a unique blend of hip hop, reggae, funk, jazz, folk and rock - and progressive peace/social justice politics - that has made them not only popular, but distinctively so. Musically, Franti started out with the industrial punk band The Beatnigs, then slid into the punk/hip hop Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy with the noted jazz guitarist Charlie Hunter. Their experimental sound and progressive lyrics earned them an opening slot on U2's *Zoo* tour, and one of their best-known projects involved backing the spoken words of Beat author William S. Burroughs.

Spearhead was born in the mid-90s, and its music has evolved through three albums - *Stay Human, Everybody Deserves Music, and Yell Fire* - into something quite remarkable, a blend of Motown/soul, rock chords, and 21st century reggae/Afrobeat global fusion backing progressive, life-affirming lyrics. Their "Power to the Peaceful" concert in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park annually draws more than 20,000 people. In fact, Spearhead is among the most inspiring of all the politically conscious artists, committed to a peaceful but challenging stance toward the world.

Tickets for the Labor Day festival are available at the Wheeler Opera House, by telephone at 866-JAS-TIXX (527-8499), or on-line at [www.jazzaspen.org](http://www.jazzaspen.org) For information on festival patron tickets please contact the JAS office at 970 920 4996.

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