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Leftover Salmon to Join the JAS Line-Up Labor Day Weekend Will Rock

Aspen, CO – May 21, 2007 - Jam Band heaven -- that's going to be Snowmass Town Park on Labor Day weekend. Jazz Aspen Snowmass presented by Calamos Investments is very pleased to announce the addition of Colorado's own **Leftover Salmon** to the lineup for the Snowmass Village shows, playing 3 pm on Sunday, September 2nd, putting a capper on a stunning aggregation: **The Allman Brothers Band, Gov't Mule, Joss Stone, The Derek Trucks Band with Susan Tedeschi, Jackie Greene, Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals, and Nickel Creek.**

When the Grateful Dead introduced improvisation into rock – soon followed by the Allman Brothers' blues-based version down South – few anticipated that forty-plus years later, jam-oriented bands would be a major portion of the rock world, the music of choice for those more interested in playing than appearance.

The most interesting thing is that jam bands share only that commitment to improvisation; after that, it's each band's choice. **Leftover Salmon** describes their mostly acoustic mix of bluegrass, folk, blues, country, Zydeco, and rock as “polyethnic cajun slamgrass,” and that only hints at the multitude of flavors they've fused together. They fell together by accident in Boulder in 1988, when a band called the Salmon Heads asked members of the Left Hand String Band to fill in at a show – and they've been going strong ever since.

The band - Vince Herman (acoustic guitar, vocals), Drew Emmitt (mandolin, guitar, vocals), Jeff Sipe (drums), Greg Garrison (bass, vocals), Bill McKay (keyboards, vocals), and Noam Pikelny (banjo) – is returning from a 27-month touring hiatus, so their visit to Snowmass is particularly welcome.

Leftover Salmon will be one of two opening acts for The Allman Brothers on Sunday, Sept. 1. The 5pm act is still to be announced.

Prepare to groove!

Tickets for both the Labor Day Festival and the upcoming June Festival are available now at the Wheeler Opera House, by telephone at 866-JAS-TIXX (527-8499), or on-line at www.jazzaspen.org For information on festival patron tickets please contact the JAS office at 970 920 4996.

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