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THE BODEANS TO HEADLINE WALLEYE WEEKEND 2010

(5/4/10)- Walleye Weekend is right around the corner and each year features more than 25 live bands on four music stages to kick off the start of summer. This year will be no exception to that with national recording artist The BoDeans, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops, headlining the Bass Pro Shops & WIXX Stage Point on Saturday, June 12 from 9 to 10:30 p.m.

The BoDeans, originally formed out of Milwaukee, is one of the premiere American roots-rock bands. Their first album, *Love and Hope and Sex and Dreams*, propelled the band into the national spotlight in 1986 as it broke into the Billboard's Top 100. The band went on to create numerous albums with hit songs including, *Closer To Free*, which became the theme song for television series Party of Five.

"As the board president at Fond du Lac Festivals, I'm very excited for Walleye Weekend and the Fond du Lac community that we were able to land such a great act," said Billy Mauthe, president of the Board of Directors at FFI. "We anticipate all the non-profits affiliated with Walleye Weekend will do well because of the draw they will have."

Sammy Llanas and Kurt Neumann, frontmen of The BoDeans, spent the better part of 2005 and 2006 writing and recording. This year they saw the release of their new album, *Mr. Sad Clown*, on April 6.

“We are excited to be able to offer the BoDeans to our guests for free,” said Mary Ann Dilling, executive director of Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. “This will be a great way to close out the festival on Saturday night, and hopefully have a big impact on our non-profit organizations.”

The BoDeans’ performance at Walleye Weekend, June 11, 12 and 13, is completely free to the public, along with all the activities within the festival.

Walleye Weekend 2010 will be held June 11, 12 and 13 at Lakeside Park and is sponsored by Michels Corporation, Mercury Marine, Charter Communications, Bass Pro Shops, Dr. Pepper Snapple Group and Miller Lite. For more information, please visit the Fond du Lac Festivals Web site at www.iwalleyeweekend.com.

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac community. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Light Up the City, and Horicon Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac. These events benefit more than 100 local non-profit organizations. More information is available at www.iwalleyeweekend.com.

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