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MICKEY HART BAND FEATURING STEVE KIMOCK AND GEORGE PORTER JR.  
CONFIRM SUMMER TOUR RUN

RHYTHM DEVILS CONCERT EXPERIENCE DVD DUE THIS SUMMER

Grateful Dead drummer and percussionist **Mickey Hart** will launch a 20 city tour this summer including appearances at many of the nation's premiere music festivals. The outing comes on the heels of the Shout! Factory releases of ***The Mickey Hart Collection*** and the ***Rhythm Devils Concert Experience DVDs*** due this summer. The Mickey Hart Band will feature Steve Kimock on guitar, George Porter Jr on bass, Jen Durkin on vocals, Walfredo Reyes Jr. on drums, and talking drum master Sikiru.

After headlining appearances at Harmony Festival in Santa Rosa on June 6 and Wakarusa on June 8, the group will head out on an 18 city trek beginning July 3 at the Rothbury Festival in Michigan and continuing through July 24 at 10,000 Lakes Festival in Minnesota. The shows will feature the Robert Hunter-penned songs debuted by the Rhythm Devils in 2006 including "Fountains of Wood," "The Center" and "Your House," in addition to Grateful Dead staples such as "New Speedway Boogie" and "Fire on The Mountain."

The two disc **Rhythm Devils DVD** filmed in Chicago during their fall tour in 2006 is packaged in a hard bound book and features all of the Rhythm Devils originals as well as a stunning version of "7 Seconds" all in 5.1 surround sound. Disc two offers a combination of interviews and behind the scenes footage giving fans the opportunity to watch the band rehearse.

In addition, Shout! Factory has just released **The Mickey Hart Collection** which includes the Grammy winning *Planet Drum*, *At The Edge*, *Diga Rhythm Band*, *Superlingua*, and *Mystery Box*. Hart's *Planet Drum* won the first ever World Music Grammy and still stands as one of the genre's benchmark albums. Mickey reunited with some of his *Planet Drum* band mates including tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain, to form Global Drum Project in 2007 and released a record to critical acclaim followed by an extensive tour.

Mickey has kept quite busy over the past few years including tours with Hydra, Rhythm Devils, and Global Drum Project in addition to continuing his work with the Library of Congress. He also performed at Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's inauguration in 2007 and more recently appeared at the "Deadheads For Obama" event along with fellow Dead members Bob Weir and Phil Lesh. On April 20, Mickey headlined Golden Gate Park with a mass drum ensemble including Tommy Lee, John Fishman, Joan Baez, and Bob Weir in celebration of Earth Day as part of the Green Apple Music Festival.

The summer run will take the band to festivals, theatres, and outdoor events across the

East Coast and Midwest beginning July 3rd at Rothbury Festival and continuing on to Milwaukee's Summerfest, Lakeview Music Festival, and Nelson Ledges rounding out July 4th weekend. East Coast stops include Great South Bay Festival on Long Island, Penn's Peak in PA, and Thursday in the Square in Buffalo. Select tour dates will offer pre-sale and VIP tickets which include a special after-show meet and greet with Mickey. Visit the new [www.mickeyhart.net](http://www.mickeyhart.net) website for all tour dates and on-sale information.

**Mickey Hart Band Tourdates:**

June 6-Santa Rosa , CA-Harmony Festival  
June 8-Lawrence, KS-Wakarusa Festival  
July 2- Newport, KY-Southgate House  
July 3-Rothbury, MI-Rothbury Festival  
July 4-Garrettsville, OH-Nelson Ledges  
July 5-Chicago, IL-Lakeview Music Festival  
July 6-Milwaukee, WI-Summerfest  
July 8-Northampton, MA-Calvin Thr.  
July 9-Alexandria, VA-Birchmere  
July 10-Morristown, NJ-Morristown Community Thr.  
July 11-Jim Thorpe, PA-Penn's Peak  
July 12-Patchogue, NY-Great S Bay Music Festival  
July 15-NY, NY-Fillmore NYC  
July 17-Buffalo, NY-Thursday in the Square  
July 18-Binghamton, NY Magic City Music Hall  
July 19-Pittsburgh, PA-Palace Theatre  
July 20- Baltimore , MD -Ram's Head Live  
July 22-Indianapolis, IN- Vogue Theatre  
July 23-Omaha, NE-Slowdown  
July 24-Detroit Lakes, MN-10,000 Lakes Festival

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