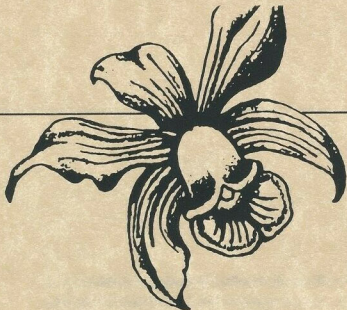




**GRATEFUL DEAD
RAINFOREST BENEFIT**



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The Grateful Dead has a history of social commitment dating back to its inception twenty three years ago. This Madison Square Garden Concert marks the beginning of the group's long term commitment to rainforests.

"They're wiping out the rainforest at the rate of 50 million acres a year-that's the equivalent of England, Wales, and Scotland every year-or one square mile every six minutes. In sixty years they'll all be gone. As a person, a musician and a citizen of earth, I object," says Jerry Garcia, lead guitarist. Bob Weir, rhythm guitarist, adds, "Consider that rainforests are essential to our survival. We're already paying the price of rainforest loss with the record-breaking hot temperatures we had this summer from the greenhouse effect. But scientists say the worst is still ahead-changing weather patterns, disrupted food production and mass famine-unless we start doing something now. "Look, half of the world's organisms live in the rainforest," notes Mickey Hart, percussionist. "The world can't afford to loose this variety. Diversity is precious. Evolution couldn't happen without it. The loss of rainforests also means the loss of indigenous cultures-music, rhythm, dance and human knowledge, specifically, a profound understanding of man's biochemical relationship with nature."



Bruce Hornsby is "honored to be joining the Grateful Dead at their benefit for such an important cause." He adds, "In reading about and discussing the rainforest problem, I was struck by the urgency of the issue, the need for immediate action. This commitment to help save the tropical rainforests should certainly increase awareness and activism concerning this problem and other environmental issues throughout the U.S. and the world." Bruce Hornsby and the Range are currently on tour supporting their second album "Scenes From the Southside."

Susanne Vega is delighted to be performing with Jerry Garcia, Bob Weir and the rest of the Grateful Dead while lending her support to an important cause for everyone who lives on our planet. Vega's last LP, "Solitude Standing," sold over 3 million copies worldwide. She is currently writing material for her third album, to be recorded early next year.



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