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**BEN FOLDS TO EMBARK ON HIS "A PIANO & A PLAYPEN" SOLO ROCK TOUR
ACROSS THE U.S. THIS FALL**



"A consummate musician reaches new heights."—UNCUT

NASHVILLE, TN, July 11, 2016 – Multi-platinum selling singer/songwriter/producer **Ben Folds** is back this Fall to pound pianos again in a solo rock tour entitled "*Ben Folds: A Piano & A Playpen.*" The tour, reminiscent of his first solo tour in 2001 where he defied skeptics by delivering a high energy rock performance using the intimacy of just a piano, will feature Folds performing his classic and current pop songs, telling stories, interacting with the audiences, and improvisation with a host of instruments.

Folds kicks off the 33-date tour with a home state play in Raleigh, NC on September 13. Full tour details below. A limited number of VIP packages will be available starting with the Ben Folds Presale on Wednesday, July 13 at 10am local venue time. Tickets and remaining VIP packages will be available to the general public starting at 10am local venue time on Friday, July 15. Visit www.benfolds.com for more info.

Folds' upcoming solo tour comes at the anniversary of his critically acclaimed most recent album *So There* (New West Records). The record debuted last September at **#1** on both *Billboard's* Classical and Classical Crossover charts. *So There* showcases new pop songs by Folds, along with the debut recording of his critically acclaimed "Concerto For Piano and

Orchestra." The album has been praised for its forward-thinking studio craft and creative spontaneity.

Ben Folds first found fame with the Ben Folds Five and has proceeded to have a very successful solo career, which includes writing and performing pop hits, recording multiple studio and live albums, collaborating with other renowned artists, and writing and recording for film and TV. In addition to his self-described love of performing and making music "for humans," Folds is an avid photographer and a member of the distinguished Sony Artisans of Imagery. Folds is also an advocate for music education and music therapy as a member of Artist Committee of Americans For The Arts, and he serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Nashville Symphony.

BEN FOLDS ON TOUR

- September 13 – Raleigh, NC @ Memorial Auditorium†
- September 15 – Greenville, SC @ Peace Concert Hall*
- September 16 – Newport News, VA @ Ferguson Center
- September 17 – Richmond, VA @ The National
- September 18 – Morristown, NJ @ Mayo Performing Arts Center
- September 20 – Westbury, NY @ The Space at Westbury
- September 21 – Englewood, NJ @ Bergen Performing Arts Center
- September 22 – New Haven, CT @ College Street Music Hall
- September 23 – Northampton, MA @ Calvin Theatre
- September 24 – Burlington, VT @ Flynn Center for the Performing Arts+
- September 26 – Albany, NY @ The Egg - Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre
- September 29 – Madison, WI @ Majestic Live
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- October 1 – Minneapolis, MN @ First Avenue
- October 2 – Columbia, MO @ Roots N Blues N BBQ Festival
- October 4 – Wabash, IN @ Honeywell Center
- October 6 – Charleston, WV @ Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences
- October 7 – Munhall, PA @ Carnegie Music Hall of Homestead
- October 8 – Rochester, NY @ University of Rochester
- October 20 – Anaheim, CA @ City National Grove of Anaheim
- October 21 – Ventura, CA @ Majestic Ventura Theater
- October 22 – Modesto, CA @ The Gallo Center for the Arts*
- October 24 – Boise, ID @ Knitting Factory Concert House
- October 25 – Eugene, OR @ McDonald Theater
- October 26 – Olympia, WA @ The Washington Center For The Performing Arts
- October 28 – Bellingham, WA @ Mount Baker Theatre^
- October 29 – Spokane, WA @ Knitting Factory Concert House
- October 30 – Missoula, MT @ The Wilma
- October 31 – Jackson Hole, WY @ Center for the Arts†
- November 2 – Lincoln, NE @ Rococo Theatre
- November 5 – Elgin, IL @ Blizzard Theatre
- November 6 – Des Moines, IA @ Hoyt Sherman Place Theater†
- November 9 – Broken Arrow, OK @ Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center

*On sale now
+On sale August 19
^On sale July 25
†On sale July 20

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