

Don Felder and Toad the Wet Sprocket to play annual charity concert benefiting the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation and Nationwide Children's Hospital alliance

Dublin, Ohio – Officials of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance announced today the details of its 2013 benefit concert. *IGS Energy Evening with Don Felder and Toad the Wet Sprocket presented by City of Dublin* will benefit the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation and Nationwide Children's Hospital alliance in support of the Memorial Tournament Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Nationwide Children's. The concert will be held Friday, May 10, 2013, at The LC – Lifestyles Community Pavilion in Columbus. VIP doors open at 6 p.m. EDT with Toad the Wet Sprocket taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. and Don Felder's performance begins at 9 p.m.

Don Felder is renowned as the former lead guitarist of The Eagles, one of the most popular and influential rock groups of our time. A member of The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame since 1998, Felder served as a key member of The Eagles for 27 years, putting his mark on numerous Eagles milestones. Felder originated and co-wrote The Eagles' biggest hit - the iconic, Grammy-studded smash, "Hotel California" and became immediately celebrated for his lyrical, signature guitar work on legendary songs like "Life in the Fast Lane," "One of These Nights," "New Kid In Town," and others.

After leaving the group in 2001, Felder became a *New York Times* bestselling author when his riveting confessional memoir, *Heaven and Hell: My Life in The Eagles*, proved a major commercial triumph upon publication in 2008.

Putting all the tumult and glory he'd experienced into perspective gave new urgency to the creation of *Road to Forever*, only Felder's second solo effort in a storied, four-decade-plus sojourn through rock history. *Road to Forever*, released October 2012, represents the culmination of a personal journey of introspection that Felder began over ten years ago. The critically-acclaimed album debuted on Billboard's "Heatseekers" chart at No. 27. Felder joined forces with Styx singer/guitarist Tommy Shaw for the second single, "Wash Away", which hit radio airwaves on March 19.

When Monty Python's Eric Idle created the fictional band "Toad the Wet Sprocket" for the program "Rutland Weekend Television" in 1975, he never dreamed that anyone would actually use such a silly name. Fast forward to 1986, when four California teens desperately needed to come up with a name to call their band for an upcoming gig at a Goleta, CA watering hole called The Shack.

Since that day, "Toad the Wet Sprocket" has been the name of the four piece California rock band consisting of lead singer Glen Phillips, guitarist Todd Nichols, bassist Dean Dinning, and drummer Randy Guss. From 1989-1998, they made 5 studio albums which combined sold over four million copies, had five major radio hits, and won over audiences across North America and Europe.

After breaking up in 1998, Toad would get together sporadically to play shows on a casual basis, but their hard core fans never gave up hope for a new album. After successful tours in 2006-2010, the band finally decided to put the last piece of the puzzle in place, and committed to working together on new music. They also decided to update their classic catalog, and created a new Greatest Hits album "All You Want", which came out in 2011.

Toad the Wet Sprocket is currently in the studio with producer Mikal Blue, and fans can look forward to a new release and extensive tour in 2013.

Official Website: <u>www.donfelder.com</u> www.toadthewetsprocket.com

In June 2010 a charitable alliance was announced among the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation for the benefit and advancement of pediatric care. With this aligned vision, all proceeds of the concert directly benefit the young patients served each day by the Memorial Tournament Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Advancing pediatric care in the Memorial Tournament NICU is already evident with its familycentered environment that provides the finest medical care for premature and sick infants. The NICU is one of the largest neonatal networks in the country and was ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of "America's Best" in Neonatal Care and Services. Rigorously trained neonatologists, advanced practice nurses and therapists utilize an interdisciplinary care approach to diagnose and treat patients suffering from complex birth defects, respiratory distress and metabolic diseases. This combined expertise makes the Memorial Tournament NICU one of the finest in the nation.

VIP tickets for the benefit concert are available at \$175 per person or \$350 per couple. All proceeds benefit the Memorial Tournament NICU at Nationwide Children's Hospital through an alliance with the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. Since it began in 2007, the annual benefit concert

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has raised more than \$525,000. For more information please visit <u>www.mtbenefitconcert.com</u> or call (614) 355-0888.

General admission tickets for Don Felder and Toad the Wet Sprocket are on sale now at all Ticketmaster locations. For more information on general admission visit <u>www.PromoWestLive.com</u>.

About the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance

The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance is held annually at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. The Tournament, founded and hosted by Jack Nicklaus, is conducted each year with three goals in mind: to honor the memory of individuals living and deceased who have distinguished themselves in the game of golf; to showcase the world's best golfers competing on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators; and to benefit many Greater Columbus Charities in alliance with the Nicklaus Children's Healthcare Foundation, Nationwide Children's and numerous other local organizations. For more information, visit <u>www.thememorialtournament.com</u> or call 614-889-6700.

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