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## **Widespread Panic Launches Live Music Download Site Offering Concerts from Upcoming Tour**

*Fans can download entire shows from selected dates  
of the tour within days of each performance*

ATHENS, GA. — March 16, 2005 — Much to the delight of their devoted fans, Widespread Panic, along with download partner nugs.net enterprises, announced today the launch of a new web site [www.LiveWidespreadPanic.com](http://www.LiveWidespreadPanic.com) to offer full concert downloads of selected shows from their upcoming tour. The band marks their return from a 15 month long touring hiatus with three shows at Atlanta's Fox Theater starting March 24. To celebrate the launch of the new site, Widespread Panic will offer fans free MP3 downloads of all three shows from The Fox for a limited time. Starting today, fans can register at [www.LiveWidespreadPanic.com](http://www.LiveWidespreadPanic.com) for the free MP3 downloads.

Widespread Panic bass player Dave Schools says, "We have always tried to provide our fans with what they want, so due to the overwhelming demand for tickets to the Atlanta Fox concerts we thought making these recordings available for free for a short period of time would be a great way to satisfy that demand. This also allows us to begin the process of fulfilling another top priority fan desire which is making high quality recordings of Panic shows available to everyone quickly and efficiently. We look forward to a fruitful relationship with nugs.net this spring and, as always, we count on fan input for positive direction with this service. "

Powered by nugs.net's content delivery platform, LiveWidespreadPanic.com will provide high quality soundboard recordings of selected shows from the upcoming tour in both MP3 and CD-quality FLAC files. The full concerts will be available for \$10.95 as MP3 or \$15.95 for the higher quality FLAC format. All files are compatible with Windows, Mac and Unix, allowing for maximum flexibility and ease of use. Files may be played on the iPod or other portable MP3 players, played in any music jukebox software, or burned to CD. Additionally, each show comes with custom printable booklets, tray inlays, and CD labels.

Widespread Panic is known for their nightly variety of song selection, ranging from a deep canon of original compositions to covers that run the gamut from Neil Young to George Clinton to David Byrne to Robert Johnson. The legions of fans collecting live tapes of the band for nearly 20 years will now be

able to tap directly into the band's soundboard via LiveWidespreadPanic.com and download professionally mixed recordings of concerts within days of the performance.

**About Widespread Panic**

Widespread Panic first came together around the University of Georgia in 1986, after the band's original guitarist, Michael Houser, introduced vocalist/guitarist John Bell to the joys of improvisation, following a musical conversation wherever it leads. With bassist Dave Schools, drummer Todd Nance, percussionist Domingo Ortiz and later keyboardist John Hermann, they hit the road, winning new fans at each stop. Together, they forged roots rock, blues and boogie into an aesthetic all its own. Without benefit of radio or MTV airplay and other trappings of the pop world's starmaking machine, their popularity grew steadily. After years of relentless touring, they are one of the biggest-selling bands on the road today. Road warriors for nearly 20 years, the band has sold out venues across the country, ranging from New York's venerable Madison Square Garden to Colorado's Red Rocks Amphitheater to the Bay Area's Warfield Theater and Greek Theater.. Panic has sold over 3 million albums, and released a total of 15 CDs and five DVDs (including *Live at Oak Mountain*, which is certified Gold).

**About nugs.net enterprises**

Founded by digital music veteran Brad Serling, nugs.net enterprises LLC is a privately held company focused on digital media distribution for the music industry. Delivering thousands of concerts and albums to a user base of over 500,000, nugs.net offers a comprehensive platform for digital media distribution. The nugs.net platform currently powers the music download programs for Phish, Metallica, The Grateful Dead, Dave Matthews Band, The String Cheese Incident, the annual Bonnaroo Music Festival, plus hundreds of other bands, as well as the free music channel at [www.nugs.net](http://www.nugs.net).

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