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### ***12th Annual Concert for Autism***

INDIO (Calif.) – Josh Heinz, singer/songwriter/guitarist, is announcing the 12th Annual Concert for Autism. The concert will include performances by over 20 local bands and musicians. Past bands appearing have been: Giselle Woo & the Night Owls, Black Water Gospel, House of Broken Promises, The Pedestrians, Machin', The Flusters, Caxton, You Know Who, The Hellions, John Stanley King, 5<sup>th</sup> Town, Throw the Goat, Michael Keeth, Courtney Chambers, Rick Shelley and Heinz's own band, Blasting Echo, among many others. Autism is an issue that hits close to home for Heinz and his bandmates, drummer Mondo Flores and keyboardist Linda Lemke. Each has a son with Autism.

The concert will be held at The Tack Room Tavern in Indio, CA over two nights: Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th. Each night will begin at 5:30 pm and include special performances from Autistic music students. Bands will begin at 6:00 pm and finish at 12:00am. It is all ages until 10pm. Activities for kids will be available. The Tack Room Tavern is located at 81800 Avenue 51 in Indio, CA, on the grounds of the Empire Polo Club. A suggested donation will be collected for the cause at the door, and donations will be accepted throughout the night. There will also be silent auctions and raffles with items donated by several area businesses. Participating businesses in past years have included Pacifica, The Living Desert, The Palm Springs Air Museum, The Westin Mission Hills, Tristone Cinemas, Guitar Center, Kaiser Grille, Mastro's, Record Alley, BNP Paribas Open, Sprouts, Big Horn Golf, Trader Joe's, Flemings Steakhouse, Ernie Ball, My Gym and many others.

The proceeds from this event will be donated to the Desert Autism Foundation (formerly Lumpy's Foundation for Autism) This organization provides financial assistance to families with Autistic children so they may afford vital therapies, programs and activities.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that Autism now occurs in 1 out of every 59 children.

For more information or to setup an interview with any of the participants please contact Josh Heinz at (760) 702-4110.

