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New From Wyland Records

Wyland Records Releases final installment of Blue's Planet

Environmental themed blues albums featuring Taj Mahal and an all-star ensemble of blues musicians released for Earth Day, April 22

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. — Three years after the 2010 gulf oil spill tragedy, the spirit of the people of the gulf endures. In remembrance, renowned artist and environmentalist Wyland announces the release of the third album in his all-star "Blues Planet" trilogy. *Blues Planet III* issues a call to action with a powerful collection of blues by notable bluesmen Taj Mahal, Rod Piazza and an all-star lineup of musicians.

"There's healing in music," Wyland says. "These songs have a number of different themes, but it all comes back to encouraging people to stay positive and continue to make a difference for our planet."

Wyland penned forty-five original songs for the three album series in the wake of his post-oil spill travels to the gulf with groups like the National Wildlife Federation. He subsequently rented out famed Piety Street Studios in New Orleans in 2001 and brought together the best blues musicians in the regions. *Blues Planet III* picks up on the refrains of the first two albums with a hard-charging rhythmic exploration of our relationship to our environment through the blues sounds of Chicago, Memphis, New Orleans, Texas and the Mississippi Delta.

The artist's masterful musical interpreters Taj Mahal, Rod Piazza and Common Sense Vocalist Nick-I alternate on center stage, with rock solid backing from Saturday Night Live trombone player Steve Turre, who handled horn arrangements, Delfeayo Marsalis, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band's Roger Lewis and Kirk M. Joseph, Sr., New Orleans Clarinetist Dr. Michael White, Blues Pianist Jon Cleary, Miss Honey, Henry Carvajal, Rusty Zinn, Dave Kida, Jonny Viau, Hank VanSickle, Andromeda Turre, Willie K, Mitch Woods, Amy Haniailii Gilliom, Mick Weaver, Joe Sublett, Darrell Leonard, Tony Braunagel, Jon Cleary, Johnny Lee Schell, and Larry Fulcher.

In the third installment, the Wyland Blue's Planet band rips through each of the album's songs with fervor. Many of the musicians on the album either grew up in the region or have spent considerable time performing at the many blues clubs in the region. Their connection imbues *Blues Planet III* with a message that when it comes to the future of our planet, there's no better musical statement than the blues.

About Wyland

Marine life artist Wyland has done more than any other artist in history to raise awareness of the beauty of life on our blue planet. He is perhaps best known for his Whaling Wall murals, a series of monumental environmentally themed artworks that are seen by more than one billion people every year. His Wyland Foundation is actively engaged in

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teaching millions of students around the country about our oceans, river, lakes, streams, and wetlands. His latest project, FOCUS (Forests, Oceans, Climate - and US) brings together the U.S. Forest Service, NOAA, the Wyland Foundation, and numerous non-profits to teach young people about our forests and ocean - and how these two irreplaceable resources hold the key to our future. Visit www.wyland.com

Wyland Blues Planet Band — A Who's Who

Production Team

Wyland – Executive Producer/Writer/Words
Gino Beltran – Creative Director
Jameson Trotter – Music Composer
Leon Pendarvis – Music Composer

Musical Invitees

Steve Turre – Jazz legend - Trombone & Shells
Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers
Miss Honey – Electric Piano/Keyboards
Henry Carvajal – Guitar
Rusty Zinn – Guitar
Dave Kida – Drums
Jonny Viau – Tenor Sax
Hank VanSickle – String Bass/Electric Bass
Taj Mahal, Blues Legend – Guitar/Vocals

Nick-I Hernandez, Common Sense – Vocals
Andromeda Turre – Vocals
Willie K — Guitar, Vocals
Mitch Woods – Piano / Electric Keyboard
Amy Hanialii Gilliom – Singer
Mick Weaver – Organ
Joe Sublett - Saxophone
Darrell Leonard - Trumpet
Tony Braunagel - Drummer
Jon Cleary - Keyboard / Vocals
Johnny Lee Schell - Guitar / Vocals
Larry Fulcher - Bass / Vocals
Delfeayo Marsalis — Trombone
Dr. Michael White — Clarinet
Roger Lewis — Saxophone

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Video clips, additional background information, and song samples available at www.wyland.com/wylandrecords.