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Influential American Songwriter Jeff Tweedy to Perform on Main Stage

Wilco's Front Man Will Play New Solo Music on Sunday Night

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Canada – The Winnipeg Folk Festival is pleased to announce that songwriter Jeff Tweedy has been added to the 2011 line-up. This will be Tweedy's first appearance at the Winnipeg Folk Festival. As the founding member of the band Wilco, Tweedy is one of American music's most accomplished songwriters, musicians and performers. Since starting Wilco in 1994, Tweedy has written original songs for seven Wilco albums, sold millions of records worldwide, won multiple Grammy Awards, and earned rave reviews from critics and fans alike.

"We are excited to welcome Jeff Tweedy to the festival," said Artistic Director, Chris Frayer. "In addition to his work with Wilco, he is well known for his collaborations with British folk musician Billy Bragg with whom he created *Mermaid Avenue* and featured previously unheard lyrics by Woody Guthrie. I know our audience will appreciate this rare opportunity to see him perform solo."

Tweedy's solo performance will showcase his prolific output as a songwriter, his proficiency as a guitarist and his wry sense of humor, while offering fans a departure from Wilco's carefully orchestrated, sonically complex sets. Festival-goers will be treated to an intimate, unscripted acoustic set that draw from his 400-plus song repertoire.

This announcement rounds out the 2011 Winnipeg Folk Festival artist line-up that includes an extraordinary compilation of world-class music waiting to be discovered at this year's festival. The complete line-up can be found online at <http://www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca/wp/festival/performers>.

Tickets Now On Sale – Early Bird prices in effect until May 31

Tickets for the 2011 Winnipeg Folk Festival are available at the Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store, 211 Bannatyne Avenue, or through Ticketmaster.ca, (204) 780-3333, or toll free at 1-888-655-5354. Ticket info and prices are available at www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca.

Festival Campground tickets are sold out, however tickets for the Quiet Campground are still available.



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About the Winnipeg Folk Festival www.winnipegfolkfestival.ca

With one of North America's premier outdoor music festivals as its signature event, the Winnipeg Folk Festival is a year-round, not-for-profit arts organization that presents the live music, arts events, and education and outreach programs designed to benefit the community. The 38th annual Winnipeg Folk Festival will take place July 6-10, 2011 in Birds Hill Provincial Park, Manitoba, Canada. The Winnipeg Folk Festival also operates a performance space and music store in the heart of Winnipeg's historic Exchange District.

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