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BEN SMITH, DRUMMER FOR **HEART** KICKS OFF TOUR WITH **ANN WILSON**, and **THE ANN WILSON THING**

The Ann Wilson Thing, is a solo project offering a new experience for **Heart** fans. **Ben Smith** has teamed up with Ann Wilson, Andy Stoller, Craig Bartock and Chris Joyner, offering a unique approach to the blues, with a rock edge. In addition to Heart's already jam-packed tour schedule, **The Ann Wilson Thing** is booked, with SOLD OUT shows in Solana Beach, CA, Old Saybrook, CT, New York, NY, Annapolis, MD, Vienna, VA, and Nashville, TN, in October. The mini-tour finishes in the San Francisco area late November

“I am so thrilled about this new project. **The Ann Wilson Thing** EP has been released, we're proud of it, and hope you all enjoy it!” - Ben Smith, Heart

“I'm excited to play unusual songs in small places. I am excited to push my creative and vocal boundaries.”
-Ann Wilson, Heart

In addition to touring with 2 bands, Ben recently opened the doors of **Ben Smith Music Company**, “**BSMC**”, a full service recording studio located in the Wallingford district of Seattle. Ben is excited to use his thirty-five years in the music industry and twenty years with Heart, to help musicians and recording artists of all kinds achieve their dreams. **Ben Smith Music Company** offers a Recording Studio, Artist Coaching and Mentorship, Session Drumming, and a unique Corporate Team Building Program.

Long considered an A list go-to session drummer, Ben has laid down tracks on countless recordings with the industry's top music producers including Jonathan Plum, of London Bridge Studios, Sue Pelino, of Broadway Video, Producer and Performer Ben Mink, and Robert Lang, of Robert Lang Studios.

Ben's drumming can be heard in movies and television media such as the grammy award winning soundtrack for **Almost Famous**, with Mike McCready of Pearl Jam, and Peter Frampton and **Vanilla Sky** starring Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz and Cameron Diaz.

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