



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DRUM VENDORS COME UP HUGE AGAIN FOR ‘THE BIG BEAT’ AND FIVE-STAR SNARES A NEIL PEART AUTOGRAPHED HEAD FOR NATIONAL GIVEAWAY!**

Twenty-four of the top percussion vendors in the industry have donated merchandise totalling more than \$180,000 in retail value for the **Five-Star Big Beat** that will occur in 11 cities in North America on **Sunday, November 1, 2009**. Each participating store will be giving away about \$16,000 worth of drum gear to participants in this exciting charity event that will benefit the **Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation** and in some cities, the addition of a local charity as well. Plus, one lucky winner in one of the 11 cities will get a bass drum head with the Rush “Snakes & Arrows” artwork, autographed especially for this occasion by iconic drummer Neil Peart!

The Big Beat will bring together the largest gathering of drummers ever assembled across North America to celebrate the joy of drumming and raise money for worthwhile causes. Not only will each location try to break the individual city record for the most drummers playing the same beat at one time, but the participants will also try to shatter the record the Big Beat set last year for drummers playing the same beat in multiple cities at the same time! This marks the second year that the Five-Star Drum Shops group has organized this event, with the hope of expanding each year, until drummers across the globe are locked in on one worldwide groove.

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Drummers of all skill levels and experience are encouraged to get involved and contact one of these participating Five-Star members for details:

Bellevue, WA: **Donn Bennett Drum Studio** - bennettdrums.com  
Buffalo, NY: **Buffalo Drum Outlet** - buffalodrumoutlet.com  
Champaign, IL: **Skins-n-Tins Drum Shop** - skinsntins.com  
Columbus, OH: **Columbus Percussion** - columbuspercussion.com  
Hollywood, FL: **Resurrection Drums** - rezdrums.com  
Houston, TX: **The Percussion Center** - percussiononline.com  
San Jose, CA: **Lemmon Percussion**- drumsusa.com  
St. Louis, MO: **Drum Headquarters** - drumheadquarters.com  
Toronto, ON: **Just Drums** - justdrums.com  
Tulsa, OK: **Drum World** - drumdaytulsa.com  
Willowick, OH: **Stebal Drums** - stebaldrums.com

Percussion vendors that so generously contributed are:

Dream Cymbals  
Drum Fun  
Drum Workshop  
Extreme Headphones  
Evans Drumheads  
Gretsch Drums  
Istanbul Agop Cymbals  
Latin Percussion  
Mapex Drums  
Paiste Cymbals  
Pearl Drums  
Pro-Mark Drumsticks  
Regal Tip Drumsticks  
Remo Drumheads  
Rhythm Tech  
Rogers Drums  
Sabian Cymbals  
Sonor Drums  
Tama Drums  
Toca Percussion  
Universal Percussion  
Wuhan Cymbals  
Yamaha Drums  
Zildjian Cymbals

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The Five-Star Drum Shops group is a non-profit organization of independently-owned specialty percussion stores in North America that are dedicated to advancing the art and science of drumming. For more information, visit [www.fivestardrumshops.com](http://www.fivestardrumshops.com).

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