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**AthFest Educates Announces Featured Artists for Special 20th Anniversary CD Set**

(April 4, 2016)---AthFest Educates announced the tracks to be included in this year's special "AthFest 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Compilation" 2-CD set. The 2016 compilation CD, which was curated by a team of UGA Music Business Program (MBUS) students, will be paired with a CD with a collection of greatest hits from the last 19 years of AthFest compilation albums.

The 19 tracks chosen for the "Best of AthFest," Disc One of the set are: "Wanderlust," R.E.M.; "I Don't Even Care About the One I Love," The Whigs; "Rock Solid," Drive-By Truckers; "The Scorpion Departs But Never Returns," Vic Chesnutt; "Walking With the Beggar Boys," Elf Power; "Forest Gum," New Madrid; "Frightened," Easter Island; "Talks American," The Fountains; "Highway 316 Revisited," Kinney, Schools, Lesemann, Sell & Blackmon; "Whole Lotta Love," Five Eight; "Learn How to Disappear," Casper and the Cookies; "Do Me Right," Ruby Kendrick; "Here Tonight," Sam Burchfield; "Pie Pan," Empire State; "Misdirection," Widespread Panic; "Offset," Monahan; "Thorn," Bain Mattox; "Let It Be," Lona; "Padawan of Your Love," The Hernies.

Artists with tracks featured on disc two are: Big Morgan, DANK, Dream Culture, T.S. Woodward, Grand, Russell Vandiver, Blanks & Postage, Monkier, The Welcome Home, Summer Sonics, Son & Thief, The ArchAngel, Walden, Grassland String Band, Tarnation, Kayla Berrie, Wieuca, The Orange Constant, Grant Cowan, and PURSES.

The MBUS students worked with MBUS Director David Barbe, collecting and rating the songs, then deciding on the final line-up. Corin Rogers, the student liaison for the project said, "It was a really fun selection process. We had so many submissions with a wide range of genres and sub-genres. Overall, it was our goal to have musical variety on the album, in order to capture a sound that best represents the Athens music scene right now."

Russ Hallauer at Ghostmeat Records produced the set, as he has for the last 19 years. The CD set, which is sponsored by *Flagpole Magazine*, Chase Park Transduction, and Oasis Disc, will be available at a CD release party at the 40 Watt on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. The release event will feature performances by Compilation CD artists Walden, Dream Culture, and The Orange Constant. The CD set will be available to purchase early one night only at the release event, before it is officially released on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The CD set is \$15 and will be available at AthFest.com, Ghostmeat.com, select record stores, at AthFest merch booths and globally via iTunes and other digital music stores. The annual compilation album is released to promote the annual AthFest Music and Arts Festival, which will be June 24<sup>th</sup>- June 26<sup>th</sup> this year, with affiliated events starting June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The AthFest Music and Arts Festival is a fundraiser for AthFest Educates, a non-profit music and arts education organization in Athens, GA.

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AthFest Educates advances high-quality music and arts education for local youth and the Athens community through direct support of school and community-based programs and events, including an annual music and arts festival.