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## Joe Bonamassa announces 2017 Fall Tour with stop in Grand Rapids Blues guitarist to play SMG-managed DeVos Performance Hall on September 25

**Grand Rapids**—<u>Joe Bonamassa</u>, the two-time GRAMMY-nominated blues-rock guitar icon, announces a new North American Fall tour in support of his latest studio album, *Blues of Desperation* (J&R Adventures). The tour kicks off September 20<sup>th</sup> and finds its way to Grand Rapids on **Monday, September 25, 2017** at **8:00 PM** in <u>DeVos</u> Performance Hall.

**Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, April 7 at 10:00 AM**. Ticket prices are \$91.50, \$101.50, \$127.50, \$151.50, and tickets will be available at the DeVos Place® and Van Andel Arena® box offices, online at Ticketmaster.com, and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Prices are subject to change.

Backed by a stellar band of legendary musicians featured on Joe's GRAMMY-nominated album *Live At The Greek Theatre* including **Anton Fig** on drums (Letterman, Ace Frehley), **Michael Rhodes** on bass (Faith Hill, Randy Travis), Rock & Roll Hall of Famer **Reese Wynans** on piano/organ (Stevie Ray Vaughan & Double Trouble), **Lee Thornburg** on Trumpet (Tower Of Power), **Paulie Cerra** on saxophone and amazing Australian back up vocalists: **Mahalia Barnes, Jade McCrae** and **Juanita Tippins** to bring a whole new life to the show which will feature new songs alongside career-spanning favorites.

Watch the music video for Bonamassa's single, "Mountain Climbing," here: <a href="https://youtu.be/3qJ8bT3W1D0">https://youtu.be/3qJ8bT3W1D0</a>

Purchase Blues of Desperation or Live at the Greek Theatre now at <a href="http://shop.jbonamassa.com">http://shop.jbonamassa.com</a>, Amazon, and iTunes.

When Bonamassa's *Live at the Greek Theatre's* became the #1 Blues album on the Billboard chart last year it marked the unprecedented 17<sup>th</sup> time he had the top spot. "Greek" also landed him his second Grammy Nomination. A touring monster who averages over 100 shows a year, Joe's progression as showman grows stronger every year. After sold out shows at Colorado's Red Rocks Amphitheater and NYC's Radio City Music Hall, he fulfilled one of his lifelong dreams last year with two intimate acoustic performances at New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall that was filmed for a DVD and Public TV release for later this year.

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