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LOCAL ARTIST LAUNCHES SECOND RELEASE FEATURING A UNIQUE BLEND OF JAZZ, LYRICAL GENIUS AND A TOUCH OF SOUL

Ryan Shea Smith's "Stay Awhile" Comes out June 6

(Seattle, WA) Local singer/songwriter, Ryan Shea Smith, is releasing his latest Jazz CD – "Stay Awhile". It features 12 original songs produced by Josh Evans and Ryan Shea Smith recorded at Bear Creek Studios, The Track Shack, and Albro Swift. All tracks feature Seattle's renowned bassist Jeff Johnson and Eric Eagle on drums as the core of this jazz experience.

"Stay Awhile" includes several other local favorites who served as songwriters, backup vocalist and musicians on the CD. Stephanie Porter, Mycle Wastman, Vicci Martinez, and Arturo Rodriguez are just a few of those artists who contributed to this endeavor. "Stay Awhile" features everything from the playful lyrics of the title track to the sweet melody of "Waltz for Dorothy" featuring Hans Teuber on sax to the heartbreak of "Tryin' to Get By" written by Jonathan Kingham, Scott Krippayne, and Ryan Shea Smith.

"Stay Awhile" will be launched as part of a double CD release concert with Jonathan Kingham at Benaroya Nordstrom Recital Hall on June 6, 2010. Kingham is releasing his new CD – "Smooth out the Lines" – that evening with Myles Corbin on bass and Chris Stromquist on drums. Tickets can be purchased at www.jonathankingham.com. Starting at 7pm, Ryan Shea Smith will perform songs from the CD "Stay Awhile" which can be purchased on www.ryansheasmith.com.

About Ryan Shea Smith:

Seattle-native, Ryan Shea Smith, known for his incomparable singing voice, masterful songwriting and impressive command of the keyboard and guitar, has released two albums - "Guilty and Blue" in 2006 and "Stay Awhile" in 2010. Ryan's grandmother taught him to play the piano by ear at the age of five and he went on to study in the Jazz Masters program at the University of Washington with professor Marc Seales. Since then Ryan has gone on to perform a wide range of styles with his musical roots strongly based in jazz and blues. His production and writing credits include many Seattle locals such as Mycle Wastman, Felicia Loud, Vicci Martinez and Jonathan Kingham. Currently Ryan is finishing Michael Williams Band record, a blues-rock quartet produced by Eddie Kramer.

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