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## **JARS OF CLAY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2009 “TWO HANDS TOUR”**

### **Innovative Live Shows Will Support Eagerly Anticipated Album *The Long Fall Back To Earth* which Streets April 21**

(Nashville, Tenn.) April 1, 2009 – The multi-Platinum and three-time GRAMMY Award-winning band **Jars of Clay** announces its spring 2009 “Two Hands Tour.” The coast-to-coast outing will begin just three days after the widely-acclaimed rock act unveils its much-anticipated new album, ***The Long Fall Back To Earth***, on April 21.

The “Two Hands Tour” will also feature special guest **Seabird**, the emerging Credential Records rock act recently honored by its hometown as the “2008 Artist of the Year” at the Cincinnati Entertainment Awards. The 23-city tour will begin April 24 in Lincoln, Neb. and conclude in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. on June 19.

“The ‘Two Hands Tour’, named for our latest single, marks the beginning of our touring plans surrounding the April 21<sup>st</sup> release of our new record, ***The Long Fall Back To Earth***,” says **Jars of Clay** guitarist **Matt Odmak**. “From a live perspective, many of the songs on this project pick up where ***Good Monsters*** left off -- with high energy progressive rock performances. The sound of this record was made to fill arenas. We’re excited to launch the record with this tour, and we’re equally excited to have Seabird out with us.”

**Jars of Clay**’s forthcoming album and tour are already creating a stir thanks in part to the new hit song, “Two Hands.” As the lead single from ***The Long Fall Back To Earth***, “Two Hands” has already entered the Top 10 at Christian radio’s CHR format after only six weeks on the chart. Simultaneously, the song is climbing the AC charts, where it now appears in the Top 25. The single’s momentum received notable boosts this week when Salem Network’s The Fish in Nashville and KBIQ in Colorado Springs added “Two Hands” to their rotations.

Known for its ground-breaking, intelligent music and humanitarian work worldwide, **Jars of Clay** artfully explores matters of relationship and community through the songs on ***The Long Fall Back To Earth***, which will be the band’s 10th studio album. The musically sophisticated 14-track project, which will release on Gray Matters/Essential Records, can be pre-ordered now via a special promotion at iTunes.

Fans may also pre-order a special limited-edition package of ***The Long Fall Back To Earth*** exclusively at JarsofClay.com. Each set includes the 14 track CD, a double-vinyl version of the album, an exclusive EP featuring 3 overcuts and 3 remixes, a DVD with an extended song-by-song documentary and live performance videos, an autographed 12-page oversized booklet with a handwritten lyric, a full album MP3 download and more. Only five hundred sets are available.

From **Jars of Clay**’s earliest days to the present, innovation has marked each step of the band’s musical journey with ***The Long Fall Back To Earth*** serving as no exception. A big, lush, confident,

gutsy sound dominates the new tracks and leaves the listener with a different thought for each new story told, each new emotion conveyed. Along the way, front man **Dan Haseltine**'s lyrics delve into the bare bones reality of the beauty and tension of relationships, and what makes them worth fighting for, a common thread that has tied everyone exposed to Jars of Clay's music together for more than a decade.

Co-produced by **Jars of Clay** and veteran helmsman **Ron Aniello** (Guster, Lifehouse, Leigh Nash), ***The Long Fall Back To Earth*** expands on the musical palette developed for **Jars**' last project, ***Good Monsters***: driving songs with more synth, beats and loops, but keeping the band's hard-won appreciation for rock guitars intact. The effect is a sweeping musical landscape full of detail, contrast and richness.

A consistent draw on the road, Jars of Clay is mapping tour dates in support of the album through 2009. As the kickoff, the "**Two Hands Tour**" itinerary and ticket information is posted on [www.JarsOfClay.com](http://www.JarsOfClay.com).

### **About Seabird**

Consisting of brothers Aaron (vocals/keys) and Ryan Morgan (guitar) along with Chris Kubik (bass), Cincinnati-based Seabird initially formed in 2004 upon entering a local "battle of the bands" competition. The rock trio's 2008 debut on Credential Records, *'Til We See The Shore*, is a collaborative effort with producers Jacquire King (Modest Mouse, Kings Of Leon, Tom Waits, Switchfoot) and Allen Salmon (Mute Math, This Beautiful Republic), and is one which "share[s] the emotions, victories, and defeats we all experience as normal, everyday people" according to Aaron. Music from *'Til We See The Shore* has already received significant national publicity, and been featured on episodes of "Numb3rs," "Grey's Anatomy," and promos for ABC's 12-time Emmy-nominated series, "Pushing Daisies." Most recently, Seabird has played dates with Fiction Family and House of Heroes in addition to multiple stages at South by Southwest. The album's current single, "Not Alone," is being played at both Christian AC and CHR radio, and Seabird's "Rescue" video can be seen on national video outlets. ([www.myspace.com/seabird](http://www.myspace.com/seabird))

### **About Jars Of Clay**

Jars of Clay launched its breakout career with its multi-format hit, "Flood," in 1995. Since then, it's amassed more than six million in career sales (5 -Gold, 2 platinum and 1 double platinum certification), an American Music Award nod, 17 No. 1 radio hits, and numerous film credits and BMI honors for songwriting and performing.

While celebrated for its music and writing, Jars of Clay is most concerned with the needs in Africa. Compelled to make a difference, members Dan Haseltine, Stephen Mason, Matt Odmark and Charlie Lowell founded the Blood:Water Mission in early 2002. The first effort of this non-profit was the "1000 Wells Project" with a goal of raising funds to build, rebuild and repair 1000 wells in urban and rural areas of sub-Saharan Africa. This year Jars of Clay will celebrate the building of the 1000<sup>th</sup> well which will help bring clean water to more than 150,000 people. ([www.bloodwatermission.com](http://www.bloodwatermission.com))

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