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**Light of Day Canada Kicks Off 2011 Event Lineup in Support of  
Parkinson's Disease with Free Screening of  
"Just Around the Corner" Documentary**

Niagara, ON, April 18, 2011 – The Light of Day Canada concert series celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Canadian premiere of "Just Around the Corner", a documentary on Light of Day Foundation founder Bob Benjamin and his battle against Parkinson's disease. The film explores not only the disease and the challenges that come with living with Parkinson's, but how Benjamin fought back using rock n' roll as his weapon. The film shows what one man and a group of dedicated, compassionate friends can accomplish when they put their minds, and their music, into action. The documentary will be screened on Thursday, May 5 at 7 pm at the Greg Frewin Theatre, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Benjamin, long time manager of Joe Grushecky and good friend of rock legend Bruce Springsteen, was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1996, and in 2000 launched the The Light of Day concerts to help raise both awareness and funds to support research and individuals who are struggling with the disease. What began as a single concert at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park, New Jersey has grown into 23 shows in thirteen countries including three in Canada. In the past 10 years, these shows have raised over \$1.5 million in the fight against Parkinson's disease.

Since bringing Light of Day to Canada in 2007, the music loving volunteers who organize the Niagara concerts have helped raised \$48,000 to support the cause. Each year, the group holds a series of summer concerts leading up to the main show in November, featuring an impressive lineup of artists with all proceeds going to support the Light of Day Foundation and the Parkinson Society of Canada. Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year in Canada, the group is proud to premiering "Just Around the Corner" as it kicks off another year of fund-raising concerts. Filmmakers Steve Caniff and Jim Justice of Flat Broke Productions are also hoping to be attending the screening.

Along with Benjamin, the documentary features interviews with Michael J. Fox who sang the Springsteen-written song "Light of Day" in the 1987 film of that name — and Light of Day regulars such as Willie Nile and Jesse Malin; actor Vincent Pastore of "The Sopranos," who has hosted Light of Day shows; and scientists and doctors who offer some background information on the disease. Footage of Springsteen performing at Light of Day concerts is also featured.

The film, Caniff said, "basically gives a brief introduction of who Bob is, and how he became involved in music, and then focuses on his battle against Parkinson's disease and the founding of the Light of Day Foundation. It's all intermixed with a lot of music, and a lot of concert footage." All sales from distribution of the documentary will go to support the Light of Day Foundation.

Admission to the May 5 documentary screening in Niagara Falls are free, but tickets are limited. Donations in support of the Light of Day Foundation are encouraged. Visit [www.lightofdayniagara.com](http://www.lightofdayniagara.com) to order. Some tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show. Greg Frewin Theatre is located at 5781 Ellen Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Doors open at 6 pm and the show starts at 7 pm.

Also, watch for announcements on the summer concert series coming soon, and order tickets now for the November 11, 2011 main event online at [www.lightofdayniagara.com](http://www.lightofdayniagara.com).

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