PHISH PERFORMS AT STARWOOD FOR PLAZA PARTY DEBUT

The Coca-Cola Concert Series presents and WRLT-FM welcomes **Phish** at Starwood Amphitheatre on Friday, July 30 at 8:00 p.m. for the first ever "*Plaza Party*."

Known mainly for their live shows, **Phish** continues to develop a loyal following with each performance. The band views the audience as family and joins in the fun by tossing beach balls into the crowd and following their "*trip*" through the people with their music. A vacuum cleaner has even been used as an instrument, all in good "clean" fun. **Phish** tries to make each show unique.

On the new album, <u>RIFT</u>, **Phish** strives to get the "*live*" feel on tape. With the help of producer Barry Beckett (whose work includes Dire Straits, Bob Dylan, and Aretha Franklin), the band was able to find the focus they were looking for, Guitarist Trey Anastasio comments, "<u>RIFT</u> is more cohesive — these songs have more emotional weight."

After the release of their Elektra debut, <u>A PICTURE OF</u> <u>NECTAR</u>. **Phish** set out on a tour in the U.S. and Europe. When they returned to the states they joined the H.O.R.D.E. Tour along with five other bands including Spin Doctors and Blues Traveller and then later joined the Santana tour.

This unique band will be part of a "*first*" for Starwood. The venue will provide an intimate situation for the **Phish** followers. The "*Phish Plaza Party*" will have a stage built behind the hill in the Plaza area. By not using the usual pavilion area, the **Phish** family will have a close, intimate experience.

Tickets for the **Phish Plaza Party** are all general admission and are on sale now at ALL Ticketmaster locations or by calling (615)737-4849 or (800)333-4849.

