

## **Bryan Beller Bio – Northeast Tour 2010**

Bryan Beller has maintained a frenetic, multi-faceted career as a bassist, composer, writer and clinician for nearly twenty years, earning a reputation as a uniquely talented yet supremely tasteful hired gun bassist for adventurous rock guitarists and singer/songwriters alike. He was Steve Vai's choice on bass for the live CD/DVD *Where The Wild Things Are*, a tour-de-force, Grammy-nominated document of the six-piece Vai live band Beller anchored on bass throughout 2007. Other recent touring work includes the "band" Dethklok, a tongue-in-cheek extreme metal band borne of the hit Cartoon Network "Adult Swim" show *Metalocalypse*. He's also been a musical partner of freak/genius guitarist Mike Keneally (Frank Zappa) for sixteen years, eleven albums, countless tours, and millions of notes.

On his own, Beller released his debut solo album, the jazz/rock-flavored *View*, in late 2003 to widespread critical acclaim, and his most recent album *Thanks In Advance* (2008) set the bar even higher ("A bonafide entry for bass album of the year" – Chris Jisi, *Bass Player Magazine*.) The Bryan Beller Band's first-ever official touring lineup is a five-piece featuring drummer Joe Travers (Zappa Plays Zappa), guitarists Rick Musallam (Ben Taylor, Byrd York) and Griff Peters (Billie Myers, Anika Paris) and Beller's mentor Keneally on keyboards and guitar. In a unique twist, the same band members also comprise the tour's headlining act, the Mike Keneally Band, on the aptly-named "They're Both The Same Band" Northeast Tour 2010.