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Mike Keneally Bio – West Coast Tour 2011

"Keneally is the leading progressive rock genius of the post-Zappa era." – *All Music Guide*

Long acclaimed as one of the world's most creative and intense guitar and keyboard players, Mike Keneally's talents as a vocalist, songwriter, arranger, producer and multi-instrumentalist are nearly unequalled in rock music.

Keneally has released 20 albums of his original music since 1992, and has built a body of work of remarkable inventiveness and originality.

Keneally played in Frank Zappa's last touring band, performing as a vocalist, guitarist and keyboardist. He's appeared on many Zappa albums, is currently a touring member of Dethklok (as a guitarist) and the Joe Satriani Band (as a keyboardist), and has also recorded or performed with Robert Fripp, Wayne Kramer, Kevin Gilbert, Steve Vai, The Loud Family, Henry Kaiser, Michael Manring, Screamin' Jay Hawkins, Andy Prieboy, Mullmuzzler, The Persuasions and many others.

Known for his innovative, unpredictable live shows, Keneally has played extensively in the United States and Europe, in contexts ranging from solo and duo concerts to performances with large-scale orchestras. His 52-minute orchestra-with-guitar suite *The Universe Will Provide* received its world premiere in 2003 by Keneally performing with Holland's Metropole Orkest; the US premiere of *Universe* will occur November 2011 at Cal Arts.

The current Mike Keneally Band – a quintet which includes drummer Joe Travers (Zappa Plays Zappa), bassist Bryan Beller (Steve Vai, Dethklok), and guitarists Rick Musallam (Ben Taylor, Byrd York) and Griff Peters (Billie Myers, Anika Paris) – are featured on the brand new live DVD/CD release *bakin' @ the potato!*, on Exowax Recordings, taped

at LA's Baked Potato club.

***Time Out New York* says "this band, with such a peculiar genius leading it, is a thing to savor."**

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