



PAUL WELLER



ANNOUNCES ONLY NORTH AMERICAN SHOWS FOR 2012

New York City – May 18th & 19th

Tickets On Sale This Friday February 3rd At Noon EST

January 30, 2012 - New York, NY – **Paul Weller** will return this spring for his only scheduled appearances in North America this year. **Weller** and his band will perform at a two-night stand at the Best Buy Theater in Times Square, New York on May 18th & 19th. Tickets will go on sale this Friday, February 3rd at Noon EST and can be purchased from Ticketmaster or the Box Office.

Paul Weller's two New York shows will be in support of his upcoming album ***Sonik Kicks***, which is scheduled for release on March 27th 2012 on Yep Roc Records. The album is the follow up to the Mercury Prize Award nominated ***Wake Up The Nation*** and is also Paul's eleventh solo album. Once again, it's his best yet.

Sonik Kicks features fourteen brand new tracks: "Green," "The Attic," "Kling I Klang," "Sleep of the Serene," "By the Waters," "That Dangerous Age," "Study in Blue," "Dragonfly," "When Your Garden's Overgrown," "Around The

Lake," "Twilight," "Drifters," "Paperchase," and "Be Happy Children." Both **Noel Gallagher** and **Graham Coxon** appear as special guests on the album.

2012 marks two important anniversaries for **Paul Weller**. In 1977 (35 years ago) **The Jam** burst on to the music scene with their debut album *In The City*, which without question was one of the most important punk albums to ever be released. Since then Weller consistently changed and evolved his sound through his work with **The Style Council** and as a solo artist. It was also 20 years ago in 1992 when Weller released his self-titled first ever solo album.

With **Sonik Kicks Paul Weller** once again shakes up his palate and stirs his influences anew. He mixes pop art punch with soulful communication; jazzy explorations into psychedelia and dub with razor-sharp melodies and abstract soundscapes with clear-eyed forest-folk.

About BEST BUY THEATER

BEST BUY THEATER is the premier concert and events venue in New York's most famous destination. The 2100-capacity concert space centrally located in the heart of Times Square is an innovative, multi-use theater that can be transformed to accommodate a wide array of events including live television and web broadcasts, live recordings, award shows and cocktail receptions.

Developed and operated by AEG LIVE, the nation's second largest concert promotion and touring company, BEST BUY THEATER has been a host to a variety of performers since its grand opening as NOKIA Theatre Times Square including Bon Jovi, The Eagles, John Legend, Rihanna, Fall Out Boy, Jay-Z, Sugarland, Prince, Tom Jones, The Pogues, Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings, and Phil Lesh & Friends who had an historic 14 night run at the venue in 2008.

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