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## While Phish Prepares for Breakup, New Book Puts Together Details of Band's Career

“The most amazing compendium of facts about a single musical group published to date ... [an] artifact fans and curiosity seekers alike can examine, digest, and savor, over and over.”

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“When Jared Slomoff and I edited Phish’s 20th anniversary video, *The Phish Companion* was our definitive resource. Very thorough! And I think it's great that it supports such a good cause, music education for kids. Kudos to Mockingbird.” —*Mike Gordon*

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**San Francisco**—The time has come: After 20 years together, Phish’s final show is set for August 15, 2004. Here to commemorate the life of one of the most beloved bands of the 20th century, *The Phish Companion, 2nd Edition* will be available from Backbeat Books this July. It is the ultimate resource for all things Phish, for the casual fan and diehard alike. What’s more, proceeds from the book go to the Mockingbird Foundation, a nonprofit organization created to promote music education for children through competitive grants. To date, the foundation has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars and recently announced five new grants.

Lovingly compiled by hundreds of volunteers through nearly a decade of research, along with behind-the-scenes help from Phish’s own archivist, bassist, and lyricists, *The Phish Companion, 2nd Edition* is a Phish fan’s dream come true. It features the most definitive compilation of setlists in existence, and is packed with photos, interviews, show reviews, statistics, venue information, online resources, notes and advice on live recordings, and the history of over 600 songs Phish has played. This expanded second edition includes thousands of updates and additions and brand-new interviews with insiders that will prove

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***The Phish Companion: A Guide to the Band and Their Music***  
***Second Edition***

Edited by the Mockingbird Foundation

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