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**SHUBERT THEATER PRESENTS SERIES OF CONCERT EVENTS:
LOS LOBOS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8,
PAT METHENY TRIO ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008,
PUNCH BROTHERS FEATURING CHRIS THILE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008**

Pat Metheny Trio and Punch Brothers Tour in Support of Newly Released CDs

The Shubert Theater will present three diverse concert events beginning with the Grammy Award-winning group **Los Lobos** on Saturday, March 8 at 8pm. On tour in support of their new CD, "Day Trip," the **Pat Metheny Trio** comes to the Shubert on Monday, March 17 at 7:30, followed by the **Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile** on Sunday, April 6 at 7:00pm. Tickets for all shows are now on sale at the Shubert Box Office, by phone at 800-228-6622 and online at www.shubert.com.

A three-time Grammy Award-winner, **Los Lobos** has prevailed for more than three decades. They were one of America's most distinctive and original bands of the '80s, topping the charts with their 1987 hit, "*La Bamba*." Eclectic in the best sense of the word, they draw equally from rock, blues, Tex-Mex, country, folk, R&B, and traditional Spanish and Mexican music. From their very first recordings, their rich musicality was apparent; on nearly every subsequent record, they have found ways to redefine and expand their sound, while remaining true to the pure Mexican musical traditions that form the heart and soul of the band.

Pat Metheny's versatility is almost nearly without peer on any instrument. Over the years, Metheny has garnered acclaim from critics and peers and has won countless polls as "Best Jazz Guitarist." He has received three gold records for (Still Life) "Talking," "Letter from Home," and "Secret Story." He has also won sixteen Grammy Awards spread out over a variety of different categories including Best Rock Instrumental, Best Contemporary Jazz Recording, Best Jazz Instrumental Solo, and Best Instrumental Composition. Metheny tapped bassist **Christian McBride** and drummer **Antonio Sanchez** to be the latest members in his acoustic trio format. The deep affinity between these three jazz powerhouses created concerts of high intensity and contained a wide breadth of jazz improvisation around and within standards, non-standards, and hits from the Metheny canon. The trio performs songs from their first studio album together, "Day Trip," which released on January 29, 2008.

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Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile follows on Sunday, April 6, 2008. The group comes to the Shubert Theater shortly after the release of their new CD, "Punch" (February, 2008). Widely regarded as one of the most interesting and inventive musicians of his generation, Chris Thile has changed the mandolin forever, elevating it from its origins as a relatively simple folk and bluegrass instrument to the sophistication and brilliance of the finest jazz improvisation and classical performance. For more than fifteen years, Thile played in the wildly popular band Nickel Creek, with whom he released three albums for a combined two million records sold, was awarded a Grammy Award in 2002, and traveled the world on sold-out concert tours.

Chris Thile's latest project, Punch Brothers, features Thile on mandolin and is comprised of the young and blazingly talented musicians **Gabe Witcher** (fiddle), **Chris Eldridge** (guitar), **Noam Pikelnny** (banjo), and **Greg Garrison** (bass) who has recorded with acoustic and bluegrass heavyweights like Sam Bush and Del McCoury. Their first album, "How to Grow a Woman from the Ground," was released in September 2006 to great critical acclaim and received a Grammy Award nomination for Best Country Instrumental Performance for the song "*The Eleventh Reel*."

The band has captured the attention of music lovers of all kinds, from bluegrass to classical, veteran to novice. All of the boys are innovative musicians in their own right, and together, they are breathing new life into the evolving sound of bluegrass.

SHOW: Los Lobos
DATE: Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 8:00pm
TICKET PRICES: \$28 - \$48

SHOW: Pat Metheny Trio with Christian McBride and Antonio Sanchez
DATE: Monday, March 17, 2008 at 7:30pm
TICKET PRICES: \$40 - \$58

SHOW: Punch Brothers featuring Chris Thile
DATE: Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 7:00pm
TICKET PRICES: \$20 - \$30

LOCATION: Shubert Theater, 247 College Street, New Haven, CT

FOR TICKETS: Call tickets.com at 800-228-6622
Order online at shubert.com

Visit the Shubert Box Office

Mondays–Fridays 9:30 am – 5:30 pm, Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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