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Student Entertainment Events Presents: Ben Folds!

Student Entertainment Events is proud to welcome Ben Folds to the University of Maryland in celebration of its 150th Anniversary. This engaging concert will take place on April 6th in the Cole Field House. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for bowl seats and \$25 for floor seats and can be purchased at the Union ticket office in the Stamp Student Union.

Talented singer and pianist Ben Folds has made a name for himself both as the lead singer of Ben Folds Five and as a solo artist. Unlike the musical styles of other alternative bands of the time, Folds' sound is seen as a refreshing break from the norm and he has been compared to piano-driven artist Billy Joel. Ben's career started in the early 80s, when he became the bassist for the band Mojosh. In 1994, he formed Ben Folds Five along with Robert Sledge and Darren Jessee.

Similar to punk bands, The Ben Folds Five was recognized for their highly energetic live shows. After releasing their second album *Whatever and Ever Amen*, the band stayed on tour for over a year. During this time, the band played with groups such as The Dave Matthews Band and their album went platinum. Ben went solo in 1998 releasing *Fear of Pop, Volume 1*. In 2002 The Ben Folds Five released *Ben Folds Live*, which contains some of their most recognizable hits. Ben released his second solo album *Rockin' the Suburbs* in 2000, and more recently released his studio album, *Songs for Silverman* in 2005.

To arrange an interview or receive more press information, including press passes and an interview request, please contact Katie Minkoff, the Student Entertainment Events' Public Relations Director, by Thursday March 30th at (301) 314-8498 or via email. When submitting a request, include your name, press affiliation, and contact information.

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