CARBON LEAF CLOSES OUT 2010 WITH NEW ALBUM, *CHRISTMAS CHILD*, AND ANNOUNCES DECEMBER HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS TOUR.

After winding up a string of September dates with Big Head Todd, Carbon Leaf has returned home to their studio in Richmond VA, where the band has just completed their new album, *CHRISTMAS CHILD*. At the same time, the band has announced that they will finish off the year with an East Coast December tour called HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

*CHRISTMAS CHILD* is a nine-song, Holiday and Winter-themed album, which features all new original songs. Singer and lyricist Barry Privett describes the album’s genesis: “We had four major snowstorms in Virginia last winter, two of which happened just before Christmas—ironically postponing a big holiday show we had planned. We took advantage of the circumstances and surroundings to write some seasonal songs that would eventually become our first holiday album, *CHRISTMAS CHILD*.” As for the album’s material, Privett notes, “There are three snow-oriented tunes, while other songs focus on the holidays in general, encompassing both the joy and melancholy of the season.”

Privett: “Ultimately, *CHRISTMAS CHILD* is our effort to write some original music that our fans would look forward to unpacking every December along with their decorations, and then putting it away shortly thereafter.”

*CHRISTMAS CHILD* marks the third release from the band this year, following 2010 Spring’s *CURIOUS GEORGE 2: FOLLOW THAT MONKEY* Soundtrack for Universal Studios and the Summer’s *HOW THE WEST WAS ONE*, the first in an ongoing series of independently released albums. The schedule for releases continues to represent Carbon Leaf’s efforts to provide a continuous supply of new material. The reasoning is straightforward, as Privett has described: “Our core fans, who have sustained us through all these years, want new music! We plan on our album cycles to be four months. For us, the future has us writing and recording as fiercely as will allow for a touring band.” And indeed, the band has remained on target, along with the three releases in 2010, Carbon Leaf already has a live DVD scheduled for early 2011, plus a new album during the Spring.

*CHRISTMAS CHILD* is now available through an exclusive pre-sale on CARBONLEAF.COM and will be available digitally on iTunes starting November 16th.

Carbon Leaf kicks off a unique run of dates along the Eastern Seaboard in early December. HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS will incorporate the new album’s Holiday and Winter theme, with the band also playing many fan-favorites while sprinkling in selections from the new *CHRISTMAS CHILD* album. The tour’s venues have been selected to allow the band to get ‘up close and personal’ with the audiences. As Privett notes, “A lot of these shows we’ve booked are aimed at more intimate, seated, acoustic-based performances, which lend themselves perfectly to the Holidays. It’ll be a cozier atmosphere that offers up a break for the band and audiences during what can often be a crazy season.”

After being cooped up in their studio finishing the new album for the past month, Carbon Leaf is ready to hit the road and continue their always relentless touring. Privett explains: “We’re looking forward to getting out on the road in December to celebrate the Holidays and debut some of our new music. For us, it’s a great chance to just enjoy being out of the studio and reacquaint with the audience live during the greatest time of the year.”
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CARBON LEAF
TOUR SCHEDULE 2010

NOVEMBER
11/5 CAT'S CRADLE CARRBORO, NC
11/24 930 CLUB WASHINGTON, DC

DECEMBER
12/3 MCGLOHON THEATER CHARLOTTE, NC
   (w/Sister Hazel)

DECEMBER HOME FOR
THE HOLIDAYS TOUR
12/4 RAMS HEAD ANNAPOLIS, MD (two shows)
12/5-6 RAMS HEAD ANNAPOLIS, MD
12/7 LE POISSON ROUGE NEW YORK CITY
12/8 TUPELO MUSIC HALL LONDONDERRY, NH
12/9 INFINITY HALL NORFOLK, CT
12/10 WATER STREET ROCHESTER, NY
12/11 WHITE RIVER THEATER WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT
12/12 THE LANDING SCARBOROUGH, ME
12/14 IRON HORSE NORTHAMPTON, MA
12/15-17 TIN ANGEL PHILADELPHIA, PA
12/18 THE NATIONAL RICHMOND, VA

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