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**93XRT/Bud Light BIG Holiday Concert at Allstate Arena
Starring THE FLAMING LIPS, PHOENIX
and PETE YORN**

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WXRT Radio (93.1 FM/www.93XRT.com) announces its first-ever **93XRT/Bud Light BIG Holiday Concert** at the Allstate Arena, starring **The Flaming Lips, Phoenix, and Pete Yorn** on Friday, December 11. The show is presented by the new Volvo XC 60 Crossover and your Chicago area Volvo Dealers.

The Flaming Lips are considered one of rock's most respected bands for their eclectic, fearless, and highly original approach. They are acclaimed for their elaborate live shows, featuring giant balloons, confetti cannons, costumes, puppets, video projections, fake blood, and frontman Wayne Coyne making his entrance from within a giant bubble. After appearing at numerous music festivals in recent years, including Lollapalooza and Bonnaroo, **The Flaming Lips** headlined this summer's sold-out Pitchfork Festival in Chicago. Earlier this month, they released *Embryonic*, their 12th album, which debuted at #4 on the Chicago retail sales charts. Their 1999 release, *The Soft Bulletin*, was voted *NME* Magazine's Album of the Year. In 2002, *Q* magazine named them one of the "50 Bands to See Before You Die," and their last three albums have sold more than a million copies combined. The multi-Grammy winning **Lips** have had their music used in several TV commercials, and "Do You Realize??" was recently named the "official rock song" of their home state of Oklahoma.

Phoenix has received widespread acclaim this year for their latest album, *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*, featuring the tracks "1901" and "Lisztomania." Although the masses may believe this French quartet represents an impressive "overnight success" story, this is actually their fourth album, and some attentive XRT listeners may recall hearing their earlier work several years ago on the station. Their infectious contemporary synth-pop has certainly never received this sort of widespread exposure in the U.S. before, with appearances on *Saturday Night Live*, *The Tonight Show*, Bonnaroo and Austin City Limits festivals, plus the use of "1901" in a high profile TV ad campaign. Their two previous XRT Shows this year were sold-out dates at Park West and at the Aragon Ballroom.

Pete Yorn has been a favorite of XRT listeners since the release of his 2001 debut, *Musicforthemorningafter*. An impressive tour de force, the singer-songwriter played most of the instruments himself, and songs like “Strange Condition” and “Life on a Chain” have stood the test of time. His subsequent albums have also been memorable, with his latest entitled *Back and Fourth*, as well as another release which marks a 2006 collaboration with actor Scarlett Johansson. In a live setting, Pete is dynamic and engaging, as he was in a memorable two-night August engagement at Park West.

The **93XRT/Bud Light BIG Holiday Concert** will take place at the Allstate Arena on Friday, December 11. Showtime is 7pm. The show is sponsored by Bud Light, Chicagoland Volvo Dealers, Walter E. Smithe Custom Furniture, Four Winds Casino Resort, Intercontinental O’Hare, S.P.A.C.E. and San Luis Potosi.

Tickets Go On Sale Friday, October 30 at 12Noon. All reserved seats and general admission floor tickets cost \$40 and will be available at all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at 800-745-3000. To order online, visit Ticketmaster.com. Tickets can be purchased with no service charge at the Allstate Arena box office in Rosemont.

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