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HEADLINE: Pearl Welcomes Jason Bittner

Nashville, TN – Pearl Drums is proud to welcome Jason Bittner to the prestigious artist roster! For the past 11 years, Bittner has created a name for himself primarily for his work with Shadows Fall and his impressive drum clinics which have further boosted his popularity. Bittner gained attention almost immediately after joining Shadows Fall, starting with the band’s 2002 release, The Art of Balance, which reached international acclaim and served as the band’s breakthrough album. In 2004, Shadows Fall released A War Within, earning them their first Grammy Nomination for the song, “What Drives the Weak”, in the Best Metal Performance category. Since their breakthrough, Bittner and Shadows Fall have released 3 additional Grammy-nominated studio albums, including, Threads of Life, Retribution, Fire From the Sky, for which the band is currently promotionally touring.

Bittner’s blistering speed and control behind the kit has not gone unnoticed by the drum community, as he has been the featured performer at the Modern Drummer Festival, Drummer Live Fest, PASIC, and many other fan-filled clinic events. In both 2005 and 2006, Bittner was voted the #1 Metal Drummer in the Modern Drummer Reader’s Poll, along with being voted the #1 Metal Drummer and #1 Rising Drumming Star awards in the 2007 DRUM! Reader’s Polls. Bittner’s book, "Drumming Out of The Shadows", co-authored by Joe Bergamini, was voted the #2 award in the DRUM! Reader’s Poll for Best Educational Book. Jason was also featured in the book "On the Beaten Path" by Rich Lackowski, which was the #1 Educational Book of 2008 in both the Modern Drummer and DRUM! Magazine Reader’s polls.

Upon joining the Pearl Family, Bittner turned to the innovative design and sonic perfection of Pearl’s Reference Series drums, choosing the individually engineered shells of Reference to achieve the wide-range of tones necessary to achieve Shadows Fall’s signature sound. For more information on Jason Bittner and a list of his Reference Series specs, please visit www.PearlDrum.com

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