



**NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM DETAILS INFLUENCE OF JUG BAND MUSIC ON
POPULAR ACTS INCLUDING THE GRATEFUL DEAD
AND THE LOVIN' SPOONFUL**

**John Sebastian, Bob Weir, and Others Discuss the Early Years of Their
Musical Careers in *Chasin' Gus' Ghost***

***"Music had to come from somewhere, and this is where it began... honor
it!" - Bob Weir***

Chasin' Gus' Ghost (<http://chasingusghost.com>), a new documentary film scheduled to debut in San Francisco on August 25, details the history and influence of jug band music through interviews with some of the most beloved and revered musicians of the rock 'n roll era. Interviewed by filmmaker Todd Kwait, artists including John Sebastian of the Lovin' Spoonful, Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead, Maria Muldaur, Geoff Muldaur, Jim Kweskin, David Grisman, Charlie Musselwhite, the late Fritz Richmond and others detail the impact of this American roots music, which displays elements of country, jazz, blues and folk.

In the film, Weir recalls his first meeting with Jerry Garcia during a jug band music jam session. Describing the music as "the mud [his] toes are planted in," Weir credits this encounter for the formation of the band that would ultimately become the Grateful Dead.

In a separate, humorous on-stage account, John Sebastian demonstrates his unintentional but obvious inspiration for his 1965 hit song "Younger Girl," with a hook that comes directly from the film's namesake Gus Cannon's "Prison Wall Blues." The insight is just one example of the film's informative, passionate and entertaining exploration of musical history.

Chasin' Gus' Ghost will debut with two screenings, at 7:00 and 9:00pm, on August 25 at the Roxie New College Film Center in San Francisco (<http://www.roxie.com>). The following evening, many musicians featured in the film, including John Sebastian, Jim Kweskin, Geoff Muldaur, David Grisman and Fritz Richmond's Barbecue Orchestra, will perform in concert during the "*Chasin' Gus' Ghost* Jug Band Extravaganza" at the Great American Music Hall (http://www.gamh.com/artist_pages/jug_band_extravaganza_082607.htm). Both events take place as part of the San Francisco Jug Band Festival (<http://www.jugfest.org>).

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