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The Big Bang – Musical Group

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Former Jonny Lang Band, The Big Bang, Releases New Recording

Minneapolis—Former Jonny Lang backing band, The Big Bang, is releasing its first recording in over 14 years. The new album, titled “Re-Ignited,” features live performances captured during their reunion performance at the Fargo Blues Festival in July 2010. The band will debut the new recording at a CD release party and performance at Bunkers Music Cafe in Minneapolis, Friday November 4th, 2011.

Guest musicians making cameo performance appearances on the album include former Jonny Lang band mate Bruce McCabe (also of Hoopsnakes and Lamont Cranston fame) and Jessica Langseth – Jonny Lang’s sister who appeared as a finalist on the eight season of American Idol and is currently touring with Lang.

The group was Lang’s original backing band from 1994 through 1997, moving with Lang from Fargo to Minneapolis in 1995. They performed nationally and recorded one album with Lang titled “Smokin’,” which has sold over 200,000 copies. The group was voted “Best Blues Band” at the 1996 Minnesota Music Awards.

Original core members of The Big Bang include guitarist Ted Larsen (Lang’s first guitar teacher) and his brother Michael Rey Larsen on drums. After the band’s breakup in 1998, Ted Larsen went on to play guitar with seminal Minnesota blues band Lamont Cranston until 2008. Michael Larsen worked in marketing for area companies and eventually founded his own company, CocoKefir LLC, which today develops and markets probiotic beverages and foods.

“After our breakup with Jonny, we [The Big Bang] sort of faded into the background,” says drummer Michael Larsen. “I’m sure many people thought our best work was behind us, but we knew we had more to offer. This new CD captures our growth as musicians over the past 14 years and retains that high energy we always had.”

Ted Larsen adds, “It was a fantastic performance I’ll never forget and I’m glad we captured it. Somebody said after that performance ‘You guys aren’t reunited – you’re re-ignited!’”

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Michael Rey Larsen and Ted Larsen are available for interviews and the band is available for live in-studio performances. Contact Michael Larsen (information above).