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**LITTLE, BROWN BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS
ANNOUNCES SPECIAL STEPHENIE MEYER FAN EVENTS
TO CELEBRATE RELEASE OF FINAL NOVEL IN TWILIGHT SAGA**

***BREAKING DAWN* CONCERT SERIES
FEATURING JUSTIN FURSTENFELD OF BLUE OCTOBER**

**EVENTS TO INCLUDE Q&A WITH MEYER, SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
AND AUTOGRAPHING**

June 10, 2008 (New York, NY) – To celebrate the release of *Breaking Dawn*, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers is offering fans exclusive events with author Stephenie Meyer through the *Breaking Dawn* Concert Series. Each event in the series will be an evening of story and song featuring a special musical performance by Justin Furstenfeld of Blue October. This four-city tour will kick off in New York City on August 1st, the eve of the release of *Breaking Dawn*. The events, produced by Right Arm Entertainment, will include a Q&A with Meyer, musical performance and Meyer autographing.

Breaking Dawn is the fourth and final book in Meyer's internationally bestselling Twilight Saga. The highly-anticipated novel will be released at 12:01am on Saturday, August 2, 2008 with a first printing of 3.2 million copies – the largest first printing in the publisher's history.

This innovative approach to an author event is designed to give fans a truly unique, one-of-a-kind experience. The *Breaking Dawn* Concert Series will feature music from Meyer's own personal playlists which include songs that inspired her while writing each of her books. Enormously popular with fans, her playlists are the source of almost as much comment as the novels themselves. Combining fans' passion for music with their anticipation for *Breaking Dawn*, the concert series promises an incredible night of entertainment. Special musical guest Justin Furstenfeld of Blue October will perform several songs during the concert, including his band's songs that have appeared on Meyer's playlists: "Sound of Pulling Heaven Down" and "Hate Me" from *New Moon*, and "Overweight" from *Eclipse*.

"Music played a major role in the writing of the Twilight Saga and I'm thrilled to be able to incorporate my love of music into these special events for my readers," said Stephenie Meyer. "I'm a huge Blue October fan! To have Justin at these *Breaking Dawn* events playing songs that inspired scenes in the book is cooler than anything I could have imagined."

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"Stephenie Meyer is an amazing writer and I am honored to be even mentioned, much less have my writing be an inspiration to her," said Justin Furstenfeld. "I write from the heart and soul and I am just floored that she would feel half of the respect I have for her use of imagery and vivid writing. I can't put her books down when I read them."

The dates and location of the *Breaking Dawn* Concert Series are:
August 1 – New York City, Nokia Theatre at Times Square

August 5 – Chicago, Harris Theatre
August 7 – Los Angeles, Royce Hall
August 12 – Seattle, Benaroya Hall

Tickets for the *Breaking Dawn* Concert Series will go on-sale at 10:00 a.m. EST on Saturday, June 21st (detailed ticket information will be available on stepheniemeyer.com and thewilightsaga.com). Tickets are \$20. After the concert, fans will get a chance to get an autograph from Meyer – those in New York will get a limited edition bookplate for *Breaking Dawn*, while fans at the Chicago, Los Angeles and Seattle events can bring a Stephenie Meyer book of their choice for the author to sign.

In less than three years, Stephenie Meyer has become a worldwide publishing phenomenon. *Twilight* was one of 2005's most talked about novels and translation rights have been sold in 35 countries. On December 12, 2008, Summit Entertainment will bring *Twilight* to the big screen, directed by Catherine Hardwicke ("Thirteen," "Lords of Dogtown") and starring Kristen Stewart ("Into the Wild") and Robert Pattinson ("Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"). The second novel in the Twilight Saga, *New Moon* was released in September 2006 and spent over 30 weeks at the #1 position on *The New York Times* bestseller list. *Eclipse*, the latest book in the series released on August 7, 2007, catapulted to the #1 slot on bestseller lists nationwide after selling 150,000 copies its first day on-sale. There are over 7 million copies of the Twilight Saga in-print in the US.

Known for his soul-stirring lyrics and captivating live performances, Justin Furstenfeld is more than the band's front man, singer and songwriter; he is the quintessence of Blue October. Over the last two years Blue October's latest album, *Foiled*, and its two hit songs, "Hate Me" and "Into the Ocean," generated platinum-plus physical sales and millions of single track downloads. Justin formed Blue October in the early nineties with lifelong friend/multi-instrumentalist Delahoussaye and his brother/drummer Jeremy Furstenfeld. Members came and went before settling in on the current line-up, which now includes guitarist, C.B. Hudson and bassist, Matt Noveskey. Their previous albums include their debut *The Answers*, *Consent to Treatment*, *History for Sale*, and a live album and DVD, *Argue With a Tree*, which captured the magnetic conviction of the band's live concerts and its singular relationship with its faithful followers. This August, Blue October re-enters the recording studio with renowned producer Steve Lillywhite at the helm, to begin work on its fifth studio album.

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