



## **Better Than Ezra Does It for Charity**

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New Orleans-based [Better Than Ezra](#) gives something back to the ol' hometown with its 11th annual Ezra Open. On tap is a celebrity-filled bowling tournament, a party, live auction and, of course, a concert starring you know who.



### **[Kevin Griffin of Better Than Ezra](#)**

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Scheduled for Sept. 7 at Harrah's Casino Theatre, your celebrity co-chairs for the annual event benefitting the Better Than Ezra Foundation are "Weekend At Bernie's" star Jonathan Silverman and his wife, three-time Daytime Emmy winner Jennifer Finnigan, along with New Orleans Saints GM Mickey Loomis and his wife Melanie.

"It's a true honor to be the event co-chairs for this year's Ezra Open," Finnigan said. "We have fallen in love with the people and the city of New Orleans and we want to do anything we can to help."

Who among the nation's celebrities are on board for this worthy cause? Also performing will be Sugarland drummer and former Ezra pounder Travis McNabb, [Tonic's Emerson Hart](#), [Marc Broussard](#) and guitar wiz [Tyler Bryant](#). Also appearing will be actors Paul Rae and Ben Lawson, and "Lost" actress Tania Raymonde plus others.

If you can't make it to New Orleans for this year's Ezra Open then plop yourself down at your computer for the concert's live stream, available for \$5 which goes to the Ezra

Foundation. Click [here](#) for details.

So far, the Better Than Ezra Foundation has raised close to \$1 million dollars for various organizations such as the Preservation Resource Center, the New Orleans Center For Creative Arts and Brad Pitt's Make It Right Foundation. The foundation recently donated school supplies and constructed an educational playground for the kids at Bethune Elementary in New Orleans. The Foundation has also donated funds to the Louisiana SPCA, CrimeStoppers and the ALS/Gleason Initiative.

Tickets for the 11th annual Ezra Open are on sale now. Click [here](#) for more information.

--Jay Smith