



## **Better Than Ezra Foundation's Ezra Open to culminate with concert, auction**

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The culminating patron party and concert for the Better Than Ezra Foundation's 11th annual Ezra Open is Friday, Sept. 7 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Harrah's Casino Theater. Scheduled performers include Better Than Ezra, Marc Broussard, Emerson Hart of Tonic and Tyler Bryant.



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Better Than Ezra hosts its charitable Ezra Open patron party at Harrah's Casino Theater on Friday, Sept. 7.

The event's co-chairs are Jonathan Silverman, Jennifer Finnigan, Saints general manager Mickey Loomis and his wife, Melanie. Tickets are \$150.

The concert will be streamed live at [StageIt.com](http://StageIt.com); "tickets" to the live stream are \$5.

The patron party includes silent and live auctions of music and sports memorabilia and travel packages. Pricier items include a Saints helmet signed by all members of the Super Bowl championship team (\$2,500 minimum bid), a bass autographed by Paul McCartney (\$3,500) and an autographed Bob Dylan collage (\$4,000). Live auction items include a private Better Than Ezra concert, a package of 20 tickets to the LSU-Ole Miss game on Nov. 17, and a block of 20 suite tickets to the Saints-Chiefs game on Sept. 23.

The Better Than Ezra Foundation supports nonprofits that work toward the renewal of the "structural and cultural heritage of New Orleans and Southern Louisiana." The foundation has raised more than \$850,000 during the past decade. Beneficiaries have included the Preservation Resource Center, which used its donation to rebuild a first responder's flooded home after Hurricane Katrina; the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts; Bethune Elementary in Hollygrove; Brad Pitt's Make it Right Foundation; and the Audubon Zoo's Cool Zoo Splash Park .

Go to [Btefoundation.org](http://Btefoundation.org) for more information and to buy tickets.