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**BOSTON POPS MUSICIANS TEAM UP WITH**

**FORMER BOSTON RED SOX PITCHER BRONSON ARROYO**

**AND HIS ROCK BAND, AS WELL AS JAZZ TROMBONIST**

**WYCLIFFE GORDON** **AND SAXOPHONIST JEFF COFFIN,**

**TO RAISE FUNDS FOR UNITED SOUND—A MUSICAL PEER MENTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS—**

**ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT 7 P.M.**

Musicians of the Boston Pops will join former Boston Red Sox pitcher Bronson Arroyo and his rock band, as well as jazz trombonist Wycliffe Gordon and saxophonist Jeff Coffin, on the Symphony Hall stage for a benefit concert for United Sound, a musical peer mentoring program for students with special needs, on Monday, November 27 at 7 p.m. Wycliff Gordon and Jeff Coffin kick the event off with jazz at 7 p.m. Mr. Arroyo will lead his band in alternative rock favorites by Pearl Jam and the Goo Goo Dolls at 8 p.m. The event also promises special guest appearances by former Boston Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein; rock musicians Eliot Sloan of Blessid Union of Souls, Jamie Arentzen of the American Hi-Fi, and Clint Walsh and Eric Gardner of Dot Hacker; as well as bassist Ed Valauskas and jazz saxophonist Elan Trotman. Tickets to the event, which run from $40 seats to $500 VIP packages, are available at [www.bso.org](http://www.bso.org) and by calling 888-266-1200.

**ABOUT UNITED SOUND**

Founded in 2014, United Sound is a school-based instrumental music club for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their typical peers. Dedicated to promoting social involvement through shared ensemble performance experience, United Sound joins students with and without disabilities to learn and perform in the band or orchestra together. The goal of United Sound, located across 60 schools in 13 states, is to provide musical performance
opportunities to students with special needs. Through training, financial support, and organizational resources, individual music educators are supported in the creation of their own United Sound ensembles. The joy of learning in and performing with an ensemble can be life-changing for a child. For more information please visit www.unitedsound.org.

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