New Orleans platinum rock stars, Better Than Ezra, go back to their roots with the October 18, 2011 release of their Death Valley EP featuring a modern pop twist on traditional tailgating songs popularized by the Tiger Band. Better Than Ezra attended Louisiana State University in the early 90’s and began touring heavily on the Southern college circuit. A few years later, the band released their single ‘Good’ which reached the #1 position on the Hot Modern Rock Tracks chart driving the album sales to platinum status. With the success of ‘Good’ and two consecutive albums, the band quickly became a staple in the 90’s pop/rock scene.

“LSU football has been a part of our DNA since our first practice just off campus in 1988 and we always talked about recording our favorite game day tracks BTE style” says Tom Drummond bass player of Better Than Ezra.

“The songs on this EP are iconic to not only the LSU Tiger Band but were originally pop songs from the 50’s, 60’s, and 80’s. For us to be able to come back to LSU and record these songs is a dream come true.”

With the Death Valley EP, Better Than Ezra takes these traditional tailgating songs that the Tiger Band plays at football games and modernizes them for today’s fans. Death Valley features a modern twist on classic LSU favorites such as: Hey Fighting Tigers; Double Shot of My Baby’s Love; Hey Baby; Tiger By the Tail; and Chinese Bandits. Also included on the EP are Better Than Ezra’s original songs This Time of Year and Hell No!, inspired by LSU football and their time at the University. “This Time of Year was inspired by our drive up I-55 for the Ole Miss vs. LSU football games so we wanted to make sure that track was included on the EP as it was a perfect fit,” says Kevin Griffin lead singer of Better Than Ezra.

Better Than Ezra’s Death Valley EP is an officially licensed LSU product that will be available on October 18, 2011 in select retail outlets. For ordering information, please contact Chris Nary at 310-209-3154 or chris.nary@lmgllc.me.
GEAUX TIGERS! LSU worked with Banshee Music to identify musicians with a desire to pay tribute to the Tigers with new, original LSU music. Geaux Tigers: Official LSU Music is a compilation of five Louisiana artists and three national recording artists that have developed original songs with the LSU fan in mind. The CD features several musical genres, from country to rap and from rock to classical, that are sure to get Tiger fans excited. The CD track listing is below along with links to information about many of the artists who contributed to the CD:

1. I Bleed Purple & Gold (Travis Thibodaux)
2. If You're a Tiger Fan (David St. Romain)
3. Bayou Brawl (Andy Griggs)
4. Get Off Your Seat (My Red Umbrella)
5. Tiger Bait (Da Future)
6. Welcome to the Show (Pledge Rebellion)
7. Want It (Chris Weaver)
8. Introitus Tigris (LSU Football Intro Video Song by Gregory Michael de Iulio)

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