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Summer NAMM: Soultone Cymbals Signs Legendary Drummer, Jonathan 'Sugarfoot' Moffett And Introduces Signature M-Series Cymbals

Soultone Cymbals™ is proud to announce that Jonathan "Sugarfoot" Moffett, legendary drummer for top artists including Michael Jackson, Madonna, Diana Ross, Elton John, and Stevie Wonder has signed an exclusive endorsement deal with the Encino, CA - based manufacturer. This includes a new signature series of handmade custom Turkish. Developed over more than eighteen months by Moffett and Iki Levy, founder and president of Soultone Cymbals™, the M-Series has a specific design that uses their new Aurora resonance technique and new Halo rings to produce a clear sound with unmatched tonal depth and a platinum style ultra-brilliant finish.

Encino, CA (PRWEB) July 18, 2009 -- (Summer NAMM): Soultone Cymbals™ is proud to announce that Jonathan "Sugarfoot" Moffett, legendary drummer originally scheduled to perform with Michael Jackson, has signed an exclusive endorsement that includes the introduction of a new signature series of handmade custom Turkish cymbals offering features never before seen or heard in the industry. Moffett has more than 30 years of performances with Jackson in addition to many musical legends that include Madonna, Diana Ross, Elton John, Stevie Wonder and other hit makers.

"We made the decision to hold the release of this wonderful new products together with Jonathan," stated Iki Levy, founder and president of Soultone Cymbals. "We are very close to all of our artists and, with respect for everyone grieving on so many levels, feel very proud to stand with Jonathan during this very personal time." In fact, the M-Series cymbals were on stage during the televised memorial to Michael Jackson and seen by more than 1 billion people around the world. After Moffett received an overwhelming amount of inquiries with regard to his performance products, he felt that it was time to go ahead with the product announcement.

"I want to proceed, respectfully, as Michael would have insisted," reports Moffett. "When we started planning the shows, I was already looking for 'that sound' with the right feel - and only Soultone Cymbals have it," Moffett, who has already worked with many manufacturers during his career, was never completely satisfied with the so-called "major brand" cymbals. Moffett continues, "After trying every brand out there to get what I really wanted, only Iki (Levy) delivered on every aspect of what I was really into. They really treat every drummer like family."

The new Jonathan Moffett Signature Series, also known as "M-Series" cymbals, will continue the company's tradition of excellence, unmatched quality, and style. Developed over more than eighteen months by Moffett and Levy, the M-Series cymbals have a specific design that combines state-of-the-art elements with the finest original Turkish craftsmanship to produce Soultone Cymbals' latest signature sound.

M-Series by Soultone Cymbals™: Jonathan "Sugarfoot" Moffett Signature Series

Features:

- Rich, lush, precision sound
- Medium weight for even tonal balance and natural feel



- Ultra brilliant platinum style finish
- NEW Aurora™ resonance handcrafted design
- NEW Halo™ rings surround the bell
- NEW Special HeavyBeat™ Hi-Hats with open-air design
- NEW Special FXH™ Hi-Hats with special custom effects and 12" heavy top/14" China styled bottom

Sizes:

Ride cymbals: Available in 20" - 24" sizes

Crash cymbals: Available in 14" - 20" sizes

Hi-Hat cymbals: Available in custom and traditional sizes

Availability:

As of July 18, 2009

Pricing:

TBA

About Saultone Cymbals™:

Established in 2003 by legendary drummer and percussionist, Iki Levy, after his frustrations with mass-produced and inconsistent sounding cymbals led him to develop his own designs. Today, the company produces superior quality cymbals that offer unmatched sound, feel and performance for today's most demanding drummers and percussionists, Saultone Cymbals™ has a rapidly growing roster of respected artists - from nearly every genre and style of music - with a reputation for excellence and outstanding personal attention. These benefits continue to establish them as the new leading force in percussion products for every generation of performers searching for their "soulmates."

Saultone Cymbals™ are available through their global network of musical instrument retailers and specialty dealers including: Drum Connection, Memphis Music, Professional Drum Shop, The Chicago Music Store, Good Time Music, DiBella Music, Music Lab, ADS Drums / Klingair Ltd (UK) Budagov Ltd (ISRAEL) Krzysztof Sierpinski (POLAND) and many others.

For more information about Jonathan "Sugarfoot" Moffett:

<http://www.jonathansugarfootmoffett.com>

http://www.drummerworld.com/drummers/Jonathan_Moffet.html

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Huntington Beach Seeks Surfboards in the Sand

Surf City USA® Celebrates Centennial, Surf Culture and the Coastal Environment on Saturday, September 19, 2009.

(Vocus) July 18, 2009 --

WHO: Huntington Beach Marketing & Visitors Bureau (HBMVB)

Benefits: Surfrider Foundation and Orange County Coastkeeper

WHAT: SURFBOARDS IN THE SAND, an inaugural event to commemorate the surf culture of Huntington Beach, as well as those who protect our oceanic and coastal environments

WHEN: 12 p.m. (noon), Saturday, September 19, 2009

WHERE: Huntington Beach Pier
Huntington Beach, California

VISUALS: Thousands of surfers and surfboards in one massive group on the sand, as well as surfing legends and local dignitaries

BACKGROUND: Endorsed by surfing's elite including Peter "PT" Townend, pro surfing's first world champion, SURFBOARDS IN THE SAND (www.SurfboardsInTheSand.com) invites surfers of all generations to place their long or short boards in the sands on the beach next to the famed Huntington Beach Pier in Huntington Beach, California on Saturday, September 19, 2009.

Thousands of participants with their boards will stand together on the sands of Huntington Beach to demonstrate their support for preserving our coastal environment and to pose for a photograph to be shot by professional sports photographers and published worldwide in Transworld Surf magazine and other national publications.

Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau, SURFBOARDS IN THE SAND is an inaugural event celebrating surfing culture and promoting awareness for sustaining the coastal environment.

A portion of event proceeds will be contributed to the Surfrider Foundation and Orange County Coastkeeper organizations in support of their service to the ocean and beaches of Southern California.

"Every surfer and anyone who loves the ocean should join us in Huntington Beach on September 19th at noon to be a part of history and to benefit the environment," says Peter "P.T." Townend, pro surfing's first world champion and official spokesperson for the event. "Surfboards in the Sand highlights Huntington Beach's commitment to the surfing culture and coastal environment that make Surf City USA unique in the world."



Individuals and groups who would like to be part of this historic event in Huntington Beach on September 19, 2009 should register online now at www.SurfboardsInTheSand.com.

Those who are not able to be in Huntington Beach on September 19 can show their support by purchasing commemorative SURFBOARDS IN THE SAND T-shirts online, with a portion of all proceeds benefiting Surfrider Foundation and Orange County Coastkeeper.

For more information, contact HBMVB Vice President and COO Donna Mulgrew at donna (at) surfcityusa (dot) com (via telephone at 714-969-3492) or "P.T." Townend at activempire@aol.com (714-742 0355) Or visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SurfboardsintheSand>.

About the Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau

The Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau (AKA Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau) is the official destination marketing organization of Huntington Beach, Surf City USA®. One of Southern California's premier coastal destinations, Huntington Beach is the ideal location for a California family vacation or relaxing weekend getaway.

With 8.5 miles of wide-open white sand California beaches, Huntington Beach is a destination of choice for vacationers and business travelers alike. To plan your Surf City USA® vacation, or to learn more about Huntington Beach, visit the Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau website at www.surfcityusa.com or call 800-729-6232 for a free Visitors Guide.

High-resolution photographs are available upon request. Surf City USA® is a registered mark of the [Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau](#).

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First ever Guest Exhibition at the Allan Houser Sculpture Gardens

Allan Houser Foundry in Santa Fe showcases work by David Pearson

(Vocus) July 18, 2009 -- [Allan Houser, Inc.](#) and Allan Houser Foundry are pleased to announce a unique exhibition at the Allan Houser Sculpture Gardens. The exhibit features a retrospective of three decades of sculpture by renowned artist, David Pearson.

[David Pearson](#), a life long resident of New Mexico, was immensely influenced by Allan Houser's life, work and dedication to the three-dimensional artwork of sculpting. Pearson had modeled his career after Allan Houser and takes great pride in the inspiration that the master gave to him from the way he constructed his studio, his dedication to the art and passion he brings to his work.

“We are delighted to welcome David Pearson to show his wonderful work at our Sculpture Gardens” said Kim Bourne, CEO of Allan Houser, Inc. “David has a long association with Allan Houser and with our foundry and it is very fitting that his work should be displayed here”

We invite you to witness this historic event, Pearson's body of work in conjunction with his mentor, Allan Houser in a magnificent setting. The event will take place on Sunday, September 20th in the Visitors Center at the Allan Houser Sculpture Gardens. David Pearson was among the first people associated with the Allan Houser Foundry which has, since 1995, been casting the remaining editions of the work of Allan Houser along with other leading artists from around the world.

Allan Houser, Inc. was established in 1982 and its mission is to preserve and present the lifetime work of the Modern American Master Artist, Allan Houser. It also produces limited edition works from original molds or patterns created by Allan Houser and from molds provided by other select artists. Its offices are on a 110 acre estate south of Santa Fe which encompasses the late artist's studios, sculpture gardens, a gallery, and full-service art foundry. It also operates a gallery in downtown Santa Fe and maintains affiliations with galleries and museums across the US and the world.

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Demonstrating The Healing Power of the 12 Steps and A Course In Miracles in Wisconsin Dells, WI

"One problem. One solution. The problem is a grievance. The solution is a miracle."

(PRWEB) July 18, 2009 -- 7:00 PM on Friday, July 17, 2009 marked the opening of "[12 Steps to Enlightenment \(How It Really Works\)](#)" at the [Miracles Healing Center](#) in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The event is a weekend convention in which participants expect to experience the "miraculous transformation and illumination of their individual minds and bodies", through the [12 steps and A Course In Miracles](#).

Presenter Clare Lamanna, opened the convention by reminding the participants of the purpose of the event, stressing that A Course In Miracles and the 12 Step Program are not merely comparatively similar but identical. Quoting the [Master Teacher of A Course In Miracles](#), Ms Lamanna explained, "Our meeting together today is an attempt to get you to enter into the experience of the release of the necessity to continue with your addiction to pain, death and time. This release is under the auspices of the direction of your own mind through the 12 Step Program, which came from a miraculous intervention; and your life-saving Course in Miracles Program which is resurrected mind awakening you from your own nightmare."

Clare Lamanna assured each participant that, "you, individually, in your own dream of death and pain can undergo the experience of the miracle. The steps to awakening from your dream of death begin with the admission and recognition of your incapacity to deal with your condition, and the discovery that there is another way to live that is not constituted in your perception as you identify yourself. It is literally, an expansion of your own mind to a communion and a union with the power of the Universe which is what you are."

Lamanna introduced the "metaphor" for the evening's presentation -- an episode of Star Trek Voyager, entitled, "The Game", in which the Enterprise's captain and crew become addicted to a video game, thereby landing themselves on the brink of total subjugation to a hostile alien race.

In the discourse following the Star Trek episode, Ms. Lamanna and fellow presenter reminded participants that the entire human condition is, in fact, an addiction to a temporal state of separation, pain, sickness and death, adding that, "recovering from the single problem of the addiction in the recognition of a spiritual awakening, can give you, if you continue to pursue it, a realization that the entirety of any problem in this world is within you and that the solution is turning your will over to God. That brings about an illuminate experience of the solution."

The entire presentation was an act of communion, a joining in the "Holy Instant" as each participant engaged solely in the action of a continuing conscious contact with God.

The directors of the Miracles Healing Center, Reverend Darla and Alden Hughes beamed with joy as they described the evening as "absolutely wonderful."

For more information about 12 Steps to Enlightenment (How It Really Works), visit the event website at



<http://www.acourseinmiraclesonline.com/12stepacim/>.

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The Country Lodge at Sabbath Song Farm Announces New Deluxe Packages for Scrap Book Enthusiasts.

The Country Lodge Scrapbook or Quilter's packages offer crafting tables, food, and accommodations for 12 ladies with the beauty of the country for inspiration. New packages include all meals and snacks for the dedicated crafters.

Brooksville, KY (PRWEB) July 18, 2009 -- Scrap bookers, quilters and crafters of all kind will find a welcome respite to engage in their hobbies at The Country Lodge at Sabbath Song Farm. The newly renovated, Garden Studio will accommodate up to 12 scrap bookers or crafters, with a 6' work table, comfy chairs, overhead lighting and snacks to munch. A hobbyist heaven just an hour from Cincinnati, and within a couple of hours from Dayton, Lexington, Louisville, Indianapolis, or Columbus! With the addition and completion of the Garden Art Studio where artist and owner Carolyn Boatman holds art camps and classes, the space is perfect to host a variety of craft enthusiasts.

"I just love the atmosphere of the Garden Art Studio and know that scrap book and quilt lovers will find inspiration here at The Country Lodge. When they are ready for a break, a nature walk on our 265+ acres will provide motivation and ideas in the fresh country air!" Carolyn said.

In addition to the sleeping quarters at The Country Lodge for up to 12 ladies, Carolyn will be providing delicious meals for her guests who come for a weekend retreat. Crockpot pizza, incredible Country Lodge muffins, chicken topped salad, and a whole lot more, will keep the strength up for those who like to scrap through the night. And there will be plenty of snacks on hand for the in-between munchies! Horse-drawn wagon rides can be pre-arranged as well as a massage for the weary backs and shoulders of the crafting crowd (for an extra charge).

The Scrap Book and Quilt Weekend Packages join the recently expanded offerings at The Country Lodge's growing calendar of events which now includes Art Camps coming in August and September as Carolyn introduces Three Tuesdays on Toadvine with her unique Soul Printing and Plein-Air painting. Also coming this fall is a Friday morning class on cheese making and the annual Pie Baking Weekend. The web site has more detailed information on these events.

One of the most exciting benefits of the Scrap Book or Quilt Weekend Packages at The Country Lodge is that organizers who bring nine or more ladies gets her weekend for free! The cost for the weekend is only \$245 per person with check in on Friday at 4 p.m. and check out on Sunday at 4 p.m. All meals are included in this Deluxe Scrap Bookers or Quilters weekend.

There are still many weekends available, but they book quickly. Reservations are required. For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.sabbathsongfarm.com> or contact Carolyn Boatman at 606-735-9914 or [cboatman \(at\) isoc.net](mailto:cboatman@isoc.net)

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Sculpture Gets Home at Oklahoma Wesleyan University

Noted artist [Scott Stearman](#) of Colorado supervised the installation of his new sculpture, "The Blind Man rising from the Pool of Siloam" on Wednesday morning, July 15, 2009 in front of the new "Janice and Charles Drake Library" at [Oklahoma Wesleyan University](#).

(Vocus) July 17, 2009 -- Noted artist [Scott Stearman](#) of Colorado supervised the installation of his new sculpture, "The Blind Man rising from the Pool of Siloam" on Wednesday morning, July 15, 2009 in front of the new "Janice and Charles Drake Library" at [Oklahoma Wesleyan University](#). The sculpture, weighing nearly half a ton and standing seven and a half feet tall, faces the stained glass window of Jesus on the west side of the Lyon Chapel/Fine Arts Center. The artist describes the scene with these words:

"The blind man, next to the pool; his staff lays on the ground at his side extending over the water slightly. He is in rags; the result of a life of begging in the street. His small pouch made from a patch of cloth lays on the ground next to him, a few small coins are visible, the reward of this day's begging. His eyes are open, wide and excited. His expression reflects joy, and at the same time there is a sadness as he sees for the first time the beauty that has been around him all his life and he never could see it. His rugged hands reflect his difficult life. Life as a beggar subjected him to the treachery of the street, beaten, robbed and, because of his blindness, unexpected injury. His face is scarred and his foot is crippled. His head covering is undone and lays across his shoulders. Droplets trickle down his face. Are they tears or water?

"As his vision cleared, he saw himself clearly for the first time. The opportunities of a new life are his. Learning and understanding follows 'seeing clearly'.

"At his feet is his pouch of small coins. So precious a few moments before, and now forgotten. When we see clearly, we will lay down the things that are temporary in order to gain the things that are eternal.

"His staff lays on the ground...useless now. It was his crutch and his best friend. He relied on it for support, guidance, and defense. And now, because he met Jesus, he doesn't need it anymore. A smooth worn place on the staff reflects the years he carried it. At the top, a very, very small new sprout with one leaf grows out of the side and represents 'new life'. New life he can only see since his encounter with Jesus.

"The day the blind man was healed at the pool, there were some who walked by and never noticed the miracle that was happening right next to them; too busy to bother. Some will consider it and others will pass by without notice, just like the people who were at Siloam that day."

The blind man receiving his sight is no different than a student who, during the course of university study, finds new insight into life, a fresh awareness of the nature of knowledge and is liberated from the chains of ignorance.

Born in 1953, Scott was raised the son of a minister and spent most of his younger years in several western Kansas towns. He attended Southern Nazarene University and pursued a career in television and video production. After working for PBS and ABC affiliates in Oklahoma City, Scott began working as a video production manager.



In 1983, Scott and his wife Hermine visited Colorado on a vacation where he became acquainted with an established sculptor who spent time to explain the process he used in sculpting. Working from his home studio high in the Colorado Rockies, Scott has established himself as a highly respected master sculptor with his work now being marketed internationally.

Oklahoma Wesleyan University (www.okwu.edu) is a four-year Christian university of the liberal arts and sciences that is fully accredited by the North Central Association. OWU also obtained professional accreditation with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and the International Assembly of Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). It is a member of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities as well as the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities and the Association of Oklahoma Independent Colleges and Universities.

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FamilyVenue.com Debut Event with Fayetteville, NC Family-Friendly Businesses and Organizations

Military family encourages others to spend quality family time; creates VIP discount card honored by local family-friendly businesses and organizations.

Fayetteville, NC (PRWEB) July 18, 2009 -- A military family stationed in Fort Bragg wants to encourage all families to spend quality family time together so they created a discount card called the FamilyVenue VIP Member Card that will be honored by participating family-friendly businesses and organizations. An official launch party is currently scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 pm on July 31 in the parking lot of Fazoli's located at 538 N McPherson Church Road. The event is open to the public and will be the first time the VIP cards will be sold. All offers can be found at <http://www.familyvenue.com>.

Angela Greenberg, the owner of Greenberg Web Services, said she and her husband wanted to conduct her business as a service that glorifies God. So when she came up with FamilyVenue.com, the idea was to provide a central location for families (both military and non-military alike) to find what businesses and organizations in Fayetteville and surrounding areas support the Family-Friendly Community. "I initially thought about just putting together a directory of businesses that support military families. But my husband and I later on decided that ALL families should be encouraged to spend some quality family time together," she said. As a result, they came up with a VIP card that is designed to be honored by family-friendly businesses whose target market consists of families in general.

The launch party that is to take place at the parking lot of Fazoli's, one of the businesses that honors the VIP card, will have 15 other participants to include the Fayetteville FireAntz Hockey Team and the Fayetteville Fascinate-U Children's Museum. Booths will be set up with planned presentations, demos, and individual drawings and prizes. Ten percent of the VIP card proceeds from the event will be donated to Fascinate-U. For more information you can contact Angela Greenberg at 888-543-8497 or visit www.familyvenue.com. The FamilyVenue VIP cards do not expire and will be sold for \$20.

About Greenberg Web Services:

Greenberg Web Services (GWS) exists to satisfy the internet needs of small businesses. We are focused on offering a personal one stop shopping for clients looking for quality internet services at a fair cost.

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Fitness Magazine Features Extreme Yoga Poses, Yoga Workouts and Expert Yoga Advice

FitnessMagazine.com Provides Complete Guide to Yoga, Including Yoga Videos and Photos

New York, NY (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- Fitness Magazine is currently featuring a series of photos of AcroYoga extreme yoga poses, which blends yoga, Thai massage and acrobatics. FitnessMagazine.com also includes a complete guide to yoga, including workout videos illustrating a variety of yoga poses, photos of many yoga positions, answers to common yoga questions and more.

"We were so thrilled to witness AcroYoga when we did the photo shoot for the extreme yoga poses recently," said Stephanie Jones Wagle, Site Director for FitnessMagazine.com. "It was new to me, but it's becoming a popular yoga practice. We also recently updated our site with just about everything the yoga devotee, whether beginner, intermediate or advanced, could want for practicing yoga."

Among the yoga information, videos and photos on FitnessMagazine.com are:

[The AcroYoga extreme yoga poses](#) include 15 photos of real yoga practitioners doing mind-boggling things with their bodies. AcroYoga is a unique new practice that cultivates trust, connection and playfulness with the aim to bring individuals into a state of union with themselves, each other and the divine.

[Yes, You Can Do Yoga](#) features beginner, intermediate and advanced yoga positions and workouts. Yoga practitioners will find detailed instructions and photos on how to do yoga poses "Downward Dog," "The Crow," and "The Lunge."

[The complete yoga video workout](#) is a one-hour in-depth workout featuring a variety of yoga poses. The video was put together by Cyndi Lee, founder of Om Yoga in New York City, and is designed to sculpt all major muscles and boost heart rate.

[The yoga for better sleep poses](#) includes an 8-minute workout of five yoga poses that relax the mind and body for sleeping. The best part is that the poses can be done in bed.

[Yoga for back pain](#) presents a video showing yoga poses that release tension from the back through spine twists that increase circulation and soften muscles. These therapeutic yoga workout poses get rid of stiffness and pain in the back.

[Yoga's health benefits](#) are spelled out in photos of yoga poses that lead to a healthier heart, a better night's sleep and a happier outlook on life. There are yoga poses for weight control, anxiety and depression and other overall benefits.

About FitnessMagazine.com



Developed by the experts at Fitness Magazine (<http://www.fitnessmagazine.com/>), this is the premiere Web site for exercise, health, and nutrition information. From our Personal Fitness Trainer to our healthy recipes, from video workouts to our free exercise logs, FitnessMagazine.com is the guide you need to help you reach your fitness goals and celebrate your successes.

Like the magazine, FitnessMagazine.com is dedicated to delivering strategies and tools that help women make little changes to achieve big success. With a you-can-do-it attitude, our workouts, health and beauty advice, diet plans and success stories motivate readers to get strong in mind, body and spirit. The magazine empowers women to embrace fitness as a lifestyle--not an age or dress size--and to change the conversation from "skinny" to "healthy."

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San Diego's Only 5-Diamond Resort, Offers \$200 Certificates for Two- Night Stays at The Lodge at Torrey Pines

Now through the end of September 2009, guests who stay for two nights can download a \$200 resort credit certificate for dining, spa services and retail purchases at The Lodge.

www.lodgetorrey.pines.com/summer09

San Diego, California (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- A getaway to [The Lodge at Torrey Pines®](#) is not complete without a sumptuous meal from the award-winning restaurant and a relaxing treatment from The Spa at Torrey Pines®, and a new summer package ensures guests take full advantage of the property's best amenities.

Now through the end of September 2009, guests who stay for two nights can download a \$200 resort credit certificate for dining, spa services and retail purchases at The Lodge. www.lodgetorrey.pines.com/summer09 "After a day of golf at Torrey Pines Golf Course, guests can use their certificates to dine with us at either of our restaurants," said Hotel Manager Bill Friese. "Or they can use the credit toward an afternoon retreat at The Spa. Our goal with this package is to give our guests a luxurious reward for staying with us."

Named 3 years in a row as one of America's Top Restaurants from Zagat Survey, [A.R. Valentien](#) is known for its farm-to-table freshness and innovative culinary philosophy. The Gift Certificate can be used toward a meal made with ingredients from local farmers' markets and small growers, ranchers and fishermen. Guests can also enjoy drinks at The Bar or visit The Grill for a casual meal with ultimate flavor, such as its most popular dish, the Drugstore Style Hamburger.

"It's not unusual for our guests to eat every meal with us during their stay," said Jeff Jackson, Executive Chef at The Lodge. "Because we rely on fresh, local ingredients, our menus change daily. There's always something new to try."

The gift certificate is also good for services at The Spa at Torrey Pines®, The Lodge's 9,500-square-foot in-house facility. A favorite indulgence is the Coastal Sage Scrub, a purifying and detoxifying exfoliation treatment inspired by the 17 types of sage that grow in the nearby Torrey Pines State Reserve.

Guests can also use the certificate to purchase souvenirs of their stay, such as a set of golf balls with The Lodge logo or the signature cotton robe with the shawl collar and logo. "People also really enjoy taking home products from The Spa, such as the Lemongrass and Sage Candle or the Spa Coastal Sage Scrub," Friese said.

[The Lodge at Torrey Pines](#) is a tribute to the California Craftsman Movement and is modeled after Greene and Greene's famed Gamble and Blacker houses in Pasadena, California, two of the finest examples of early 1900s Craftsman-style architecture. The Lodge features 170 spacious guest rooms, including 8 suites, more than 13,000 square feet of meeting and banquet space, a 9,500 square-foot full-service spa and two restaurants serving contemporary California cuisine. The Lodge is adjacent to the Torrey Pines Golf Course and is within walking distance of Torrey Pines State Reserve.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines® is owned and operated by Evans Hotels, San Diego. For reservations call



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The Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa Kicks off Summer Luaus on San Diego's Mission Bay

A time to share traditional foods, enjoy songs and dances of the Polynesian Islands and to give thanks to our family, friends, and guests from other lands and cultures. Running thru September 4, 2009 The Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa's Luau will be the highlight of your summer in San Diego. Our Luau package includes lei, welcome Mai Tai, scrumptious Buffet, and hours of Polynesian entertainment.

San Diego, California (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- Every Friday evening this summer, [The Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa](#) features fun and enjoyment for the entire family, celebrating Polynesian Culture with ethnic foods and entertainment.

This July, The Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa kicked off its 9th [Annual Summer Sunset Luau](#) celebration on the shores of Mission Bay and will run every Friday evening through September 4th.

Featuring authentic pacific island food and entertainment amongst lush, tropical plantings and fiery tiki torches, this not to be missed classic Polynesian extravaganza is, "Truly the best Polynesian celebration on the mainland," Mike Staples, Catamaran General Manager. "Whenever you're at a Hawaiian luau, you are 'ohana -- family. We would love you to come join our 'ohana."

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The show runs from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and includes a sumptuous Polynesian menu that features roasted Kalua pig, grilled salmon, stir-fried vegetables, and a number of salads and tropical deserts to choose from. Tropical Tiki Bars serve exotic drinks such as mai tai's and pina coladas. Once the sunsets, the "Pride of Polynesia" performers take to the stage for an exciting evening of song and dance. Accompanied by traditional music, the dancers take guests through a musical tour of Polynesia - from captivating hulas to fiery torch dancing.

Named San Diego's Best Summer Luau, by San Diego Magazine. Luau prices are \$ 58 for adults and \$ 25.00 for children 5-12 under 5 free. Hotel guest rates are \$35 for adults and \$15 for Children. Tickets can be purchased at The Catamaran Resort Hotel, inside the gift shop, or at www.catamaranluau.com

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Two Marriott International Hotels in Paris Get Five-Star Status in New French Hotel Classification System

A Renaissance and Marriott hotel in Paris, France, make the grade

Paris (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Under the new hotel classification system in France, the [Marriott Hotel Champs Elysees](#) and [Renaissance Paris Vendome Hotel](#) are two of the first hotels in Paris to achieve the new five-star luxury designation. The hotels received the designation last week after a lengthy French Ministry of Tourism audit consisting of 240 criteria related to guest expectations of comfort and hygiene, as well as new aspects such as hotel services, sustainable development and new technologies.

The new classification program, announced by the Tourism Ministry in January 2009, replaces the system in force since the 1960s that classified hotels in France from zero to four stars, with luxury hotels receiving the "palace" designation.

"The five-star hotel rating existed everywhere except in France, and this was confusing for international hotel guests used to staying in five-star hotels," says Hervé Novelli, Secretary of State for Tourism. By the end of the year, Mr. Novelli estimated that 100 - 150 hotels will receive the five-star, luxury hotel designation, and the "palace" classification will disappear.

Paris Marriott Hotel Champs-Elysees

The downtown [Paris Marriott hotel](#) on the Champs-Élysées is a historic building that once housed France's prestigious luggage manufacturer Louis Vuitton. Situated on the Champs-Élysées avenue with a secure underground car park and luxury hotel services, all hotel rooms were renovated this year. The inner courtyard terrace of this luxury hotel is open all year round, offering a sunny summer terrace or a heated winter garden, depending on the weather, in the heart of downtown Paris, France.

Renaissance Paris Vendome Hotel

Located a few hundred meters from the Place Vendome and the Louvre Museum this [boutique hotel](#) is frequented by Music and Fashion professionals and enthusiasts. The intimate Chinese bar serves tea specialties and the Pinxo restaurant, managed by two-star Michelin Chef Alain Ducoutournier, serves authentic, fresh dishes inspired from the Basque region. The luxury hotel has an indoor swimming pool and a spa with treatment rooms, sauna, Turkish bath, cardio-training and body-building equipment.

For more information about the [Paris Marriott Hotel Champs Elysees](#), the [Renaissance Paris Vendome Hotel](#) and the 8 other Marriott International hotels in Paris, France, visit marriott.com/paris.

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL, Inc. (NYSE:MAR) is a leading lodging company with more than 3,200 lodging properties in 66 countries and territories. Marriott International operates and franchises hotels under the Marriott, JW Marriott, The Ritz-Carlton, Renaissance, Residence Inn, Courtyard, TownePlace Suites, Fairfield Inn, SpringHill Suites and Bulgari brand names; develops and operates vacation ownership resorts under the Marriott Vacation Club, The Ritz-Carlton Club and Grand Residences by Marriott brands; operates Marriott Executive Apartments; provides furnished corporate housing through its Marriott ExecuStay division; and



operates conference centers. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, and had approximately 146,000 employees at 2008 year-end. It is recognized by BusinessWeek as one of the 100 best global brands, by FORTUNE® as one of the best companies to work for, and by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as Partner of the Year since 2004. In fiscal year 2008, Marriott International reported sales from continuing operations of nearly \$13 billion. For more information or reservations, please visit our web site at marriott.com. For an interactive online version of Marriott's 2008 Annual Report, which includes a short video message from Chairman and CEO J.W. Marriott, Jr., visit marriott.com/investor.

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ABKCO Records To Release Post Grad Soundtrack August 18 New Music From Jack Savoretti, The Bird and The Bee, Lucy Schwartz...

Hot new summer soundtrack includes never before releases songs by indie artists Jack Savoretti, the bird and the bee, Lucy Schwartz, Kevin Drew plus tracks by Gym class Heroes, Lilly Allen and others.

New York, NY (Billboard Publicity Wire) July 17, 2009 -- ABKCO Records has set August 18th for the digital and CD release of the soundtrack album from the motion picture Post Grad starring Alexis Bledel, well known for her role in the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants films and as Rory Gilmore during six successful seasons of TV's Gilmore Girls. The Fox Searchlight Pictures release opens in theaters nationwide on August 21st and was directed by Vicky Jenson (Shrek, Shark Tale) based on a script by Kelly Fremon, and produced by Ivan Reitman, Joe Medjuck and Jeffrey Clifford.

The film co-stars Zach Gilford, Rodrigo Santoro, Jane Lynch, with Michael Keaton and the legendary Carol Burnett. Zach Gilford, one of Hollywood's hottest young actors, plays quarterback Matt Saracen on NBC's critically acclaimed Friday Night Lights.

Music heard on the ABKCO soundtrack serves as the backdrop for the story of college graduate Ryden Malby who is forced to move back into her childhood home with her eccentric family while attempting to find a job, the right guy and some indication as to where her life is headed.

Jack Savoretti, a UK-based singer/songwriter/poet of British and Italian parentage wrote the track "One Day" specifically for Post Grad and a version of "One Day" is performed in the film by Zach Gilford's character. A "One Day" music video featuring Post Grad footage is currently in post production. Several other previously unreleased tracks including Kevin Drew's "I Say I Go" and Lucy Schwartz' "Turn Back Around," are used to enhance the film's narrative.

The score for Post Grad was composed by Christophe Beck who won an Emmy for his work on Buffy The Vampire Slayer. Beck has scored numerous films including The Hangover, The Pink Panther, Bring It On, American Wedding, Under the Tuscan Sun, School for Scoundrels, License to Wed, Fred Claus, I Love You, Beth Cooper, Drillbit Taylor and others.

Track notes for ABKCO's Post Grad (Music From The Motion Picture):

- 1) Pony (It's OK) - Erin McCarley - Track from Texas-born, Nashville based artist is from her recent Love, Save the Empty album.
- 2) Don't Give Me A Hard Time - The Locarnos - An urgent-sounding effort from an upcoming four-piece pop rock band from the southwest of England.
- 3) Take What You Take - Lily Allen - The song was part of her Alright, Still album that established her as a major force in contemporary music.
- 4) One Day - Jack Savoretti - A track written especially for Post Grad, music from this UK-based singer/songwriter/poet has been featured in the CW TV series One Tree Hill and the films The Cleaner and Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants II.

- 5) What Happened To It - the bird and the bee - A previously unreleased track from the fast rising LA-based duo comprised of vocalist/bassist Inara George and multi-instrumentalist Greg Kurstin.
- 6) Main Titles - Christophe Beck - A fantastic score throughout Post Grad from this award-winning composer.
- 7) Always Where I Need To Be - The Kooks - A searing track from the Brighton, UK-based quartet's recent album was recorded at Konk Studios in North London owned by Ray Davies (the Kinks).
- 8) The Queen and I - Gym Class Heroes - The track debuted on As Cruel as School Children album and kicked off that smash hit album.
- 9) Turn Back Around - Lucy Schwartz - The award-winning (International Songwriting Competition ISC Favorite Artist Podcast) Schwartz wrote the song especially for Post Grad that reflects one of the central themes in the film.
- 10) Haperman & Browning - Christophe Beck - Score
- 11) Wake The Sun - the Matches - A rousing performance from East Bay punk rockers fronted by Jon Devoto. The track is from 2008'S A Band In Hope album.
- 12) Brand New Day - Joshua Radin - A rising star in the folk rock world, the Cleveland-born singer/songwriter featured the song on his Simple Times album.
- 13) Si Señor - Control Machete - The signature track from the Mexican hip-hop super group.
- 14) I Say I Go - Kevin Drew - A brand new unreleased solo outing from one of New Jersey's emerging young talents.
- 15) Ryden & Adam - Christophe Beck - Score

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Charlie Brown Gets Iced In the Summer Heat

Gaylord Opryland begins hanging A Country Christmas lights and announces ICE! featuring A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles Schulz

Nashville, Tenn. (Vocus) July 17, 2009 -- Gaylord Opryland Resort's [A Country Christmas](#) will for the 26th year make memories that will last a lifetime for the thousands of people who travel from around the world to experience the most written-about holiday resort entertainment, décor and food in America. The iconic resort began hanging its signature 2-million lights today and will not finish until A Country Christmas begins in November. The decorators were "assisted" by Gaylord Opryland's new holiday residents, Charlie Brown and Snoopy, who adorned Charlie Brown's own tree, as the new A Charlie Brown Christmas theme for the resort's famed ICE! attraction was announced for the first time.

Called one of the "Ten Great Places to Catch up with Santa" by USA Today; hailed as "The Most Christmassy Hotel in the Nation" by the Travel Channel's Extreme Christmas; named one of the top ten places to spend Christmas in the world by Travel + Leisure magazine; and referred to as a "Nashville treasure" by Southern Living magazine, the Christmas experience at Gaylord Opryland is unparalleled.

In addition to the frequently photographed outdoor decorations and lights, A Country Christmas includes more than a dozen shows and attractions, including an all-new interactive ice sculpture world, ICE! featuring A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles Schulz; The Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Radio City Rockettes; plus, Louise Mandrell's 'Joy to the World' Christmas Dinner and Show, A Country Christmas on the Cumberland and much more. Dates for various shows and attractions vary, but overall, A Country Christmas begins Nov. 20, 2009 and runs through Jan. 2, 2010.

Some of the top shows and attractions of A Country Christmas 2009 include:

New! ICE! featuring A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles Schulz

A Charlie Brown Christmas, one of America's most beloved and most successful television Christmas classics, is being brought to Nashville, Tenn. by Gaylord Opryland Resort for the world's first and only ICE! featuring A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles Schulz. The NEW, colorful, interactive ice sculpture world will tell the story of Charlie Brown and his friends as he asks, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?," and they discover the answer together. From the first scene on the ice-skating pond to the transformation of Charlie Brown's tree, the uplifting story will be brought to life in 2 million pounds of ice, creating new treasured memories from Charles Schulz's quintessential 1965 animated production. The Peanuts characters' sculptures, slides and rooms literally constructed of ice, will be hand-carved by artisans brought to the resort from Harbin, China, which is home to the internationally famous Harbin Ice Festival. ICE! featuring A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles Schulz, presented by Coca-Cola, and also sponsored by Haagen-Daz and Delta Dental of Tennessee, runs Nov. 20, 2009 through Jan.2, 2010.

New! Breakfast with Charlie Brown

Begin a day filled with holiday festivities by having breakfast with one of the world's most lovable losers, Charlie Brown. The star of this year's ICE! featuring A Charlie Brown Christmas will join families and Peanuts-loving



friends for a NEW and delicious breakfast event Fridays through Sundays during Gaylord Opryland's A Country Christmas in 2009.

He'll share hugs and be ready for photographs as he visits from table to table, spreading his eternal faith in finding people who recognize "what Christmas is really all about." Breakfast with Charlie Brown will be held in the resort's signature Ristorante Volare, located in the Garden Conservatory Atrium, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast is \$14.95 for kids 3-11 and \$24.95 for adults. Reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling 1-888-999-6779.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular

The beautiful and talented precision dancers, the Radio City Rockettes, return to their home away from home, the Grand Ole Opry House, for their eighth season performing as part of the world-famous A Country Christmas. For more than 75 years, the Radio City Christmas Spectacular has captivated audiences around the country. Now a Nashville tradition, the production, straight from New York, will again feature the world's finest precision dance troupe displaying some of the most challenging kicks and dance moves and the most memorable family entertainment available on stage in America. It is a full-scale spectacle complete with dazzling scenery and costumes, dancing teddy bears and a living Nativity, as well as a cast and crew of nearly 100 members. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular will be performed Nov. 20 through Dec. 27, 2009.

Louise Mandrell's 'Joy to the World' Christmas and Dinner Show®

A Country Christmas visitors flocked to Gaylord Opryland Resort's magnificent Delta Ballroom theater to watch country music artist Louise Mandrell entertain with singing and dancing, comedy and drumming last year, and in 2009, Louise Mandrell's 'Joy to the World' Christmas and Dinner Show® returns after sold-out crowds and glowing reviews. "I've seen my share of entertainers, but I don't believe I've seen anyone with as much energy and spunk as Louise Mandrell. I'd even say Louise Mandrell gives the Rockettes a run for their money," said Whitney Self, CMT.com. This traditional holiday production features the multi-talented Mandrell and her band as they bring a combination of lively Christmas music, choreography and comedy to the stage in an instrumental journey around the world. The unforgettable menu, created by Gaylord Opryland's award-winning chefs, includes hearty comfort food, served family-style. The show runs Nov. 21 through Dec. 25, 2009.

Tim Watson's Tennessee Christmas

The magic and joy of the holiday season will be glowing on the General Jackson. Friends and family will gather around the table for a holiday lunch served family-style in bottomless bowls onboard the famous showboat's midday cruises. After lunch, Tim Watson and his band will offer a Christmas show chockfull of holiday songs. And in Tim's well-known style, he will have everyone laughing or singing along throughout the cruise. Delicious and delightful. Humorous and heartwarming. Experience Christmastime in Tennessee onboard the General Jackson Showboat for Tim Watson's Tennessee Christmas. The show runs from Nov. 20 through Dec. 25, 2009.

New! A Country Christmas on the Cumberland

A one-of-a-kind holiday experience awaits on the General Jackson Showboat with A Country Christmas on the Cumberland. Some of Nashville's most talented performers and musicians will entertain with a heart-warming show filled with country holiday classics and contemporary songs of the season. It all takes place in a glittering two-story, Victorian-style theater and begins with a delicious, three-course holiday dinner served family-style. A



Country Christmas on the Cumberland will become a holiday tradition families will want to continue for years to come. The show runs Nov. 20 through Dec. 25, 2009.

The Four Greatest Nativities at Gaylord Opryland's A Country Christmas

Nowhere does the meaning of Christmas shine more brightly than at Gaylord Opryland Resort's A Country Christmas, where the Four Greatest Nativities are visited by thousands each year. The Outdoor Nativity on the resort's iconic Magnolia Lawn is surrounded by two million sparkling lights. The 50 white statues, some of which are eight feet tall, depict the story of the legendary trip to Bethlehem. A second glistening Nativity is located in ICE!, which in 2009, is a theater full of 2 million pounds of giant ice sculptures telling the story of the A Charlie Brown Christmas. The main theme may change from year to year, but each year many return to ICE! just to see the grand finale, nine-degree room where a larger-than-life Nativity is displayed with special theatrical lighting, all hand-carved from massive blocks of sparkling clear ice. The third and equally spectacular Nativity is located in Opryland's breathtaking Delta Atrium gardens. These characters are 15-feet tall and look like stained-glass but are actually cloth-like puppets. And the fourth display may be the grandest of them all. It is actually the world-famous living Nativity, as performed by the Radio City Rockettes and cast in the last scene of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at Gaylord Opryland for the eighth year. With majestic costumes and real animals, the story of the birth of Christ is told in a way many say they will always remember. A visit to the Four Greatest Nativities at Gaylord Opryland's A Country Christmas is a dramatic way to mark this great holiday.

New! A Country Christmas Delta River Cruise

New this year, A Country Christmas Delta River Cruises take visitors on a scenic river cruise on a Mississippi-style river flatboat. Delight in the spectacular lights and sights of Gaylord Opryland Resort's Delta Atrium Christmas decorations while listening to the some of the most popular holiday songs ever recorded and hearing about the history of A Country Christmas and everything included in this world-famous celebration for 2009. All of this takes place onboard one of the most unique indoor river boats in the world. This unforgettable Opryland experience will radiate with holiday spirit and is just the thing to get the holiday joy flowing.

Winter Wonderland

It is a wonderland of glistening Christmas trees with thrilling prizes, gingerbread houses dripping with icing, treasures for shoppers to hide or to share and a train to show kids that Santa is near. It's called Winter Wonderland, and it is a popular holiday hotspot within Gaylord Opryland Resort's A Country Christmas. All of these holiday delights, including a gingerbread decorating corner, visits and photos with Santa Claus, the charity-focused Hall of Trees and the 26-year-tradition of the Treasures for the Holidays Arts and Crafts Show are in one convenient location for holiday revelers who want to do it all. The dates for attractions in Winter Wonderland vary between Nov. 20 and Dec. 24, 2009.

Rock-A-Billy Christmas

Gaylord Opryland's Rock-A-Billy Christmas is a wild and wailing, fun and colorful free show, with all of the rockin' classic Christmas tunes of the 1950s. Rock-A-Billy Christmas is a not-to-be-missed feature of A Country Christmas that includes the live band Hillbilly Casino, dancing girls, floating icebergs and Santa's lost sleigh, all located atop the beautiful waters of the resort's famous Cascades Atrium. Rock-A-Billy Christmas will be performed multiple times Wednesday through Sunday nights from Nov. 20 through Dec. 25, 2009.



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To purchase packages or purchase tickets or learn more about A Country Christmas, visit www.ChristmasatGaylordOpryland.com or call 1-888-999-OPRY (6779).

About "A Country Christmas"

Gaylord Opryland's A Country Christmas® is proud to present ICE!™, featuring A Charlie Brown Christmas by Charles Schulz and presented by Coca-Cola. This is the Only SHOW like it in the USA! The colorful, interactive ice sculpture world tells the story of Charlie Brown and his friends as he asks, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?," and they discover the answer together. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular®, starring the world-famous Radio City Rockettes® is back with dazzling costumes, brilliant choreography and favorite scenes, such as the "Living Nativity" and the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers." There are Louise Mandrell's 'Joy to the World' Christmas Dinner & Show™, the General Jackson® Showboat, Treasures For The Holidays Craft Show; Santa's E-mail; Carriage Rides; Photos with Santa; Brightest Star Fountain Show; Hall of Trees and nearly two million Christmas lights. It's everything Christmas and all at Gaylord Opryland®.

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"A Course In Miracles Unleashed" Documentary Now In Five Languages

"A Course In Miracles Unleashed" documentary now in five languages: the irresistible force of true communication

(PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- The acclaimed independent documentary, "A Course In Miracles Unleashed: A Direct Encounter with Jesus Christ In the Evolution and Enlightenment of the Human Species", has already been translated into five languages in the ten months following its release in September 2008. Swedish is the latest addition to the growing list of subtitle languages, which originally comprised Spanish, German, Polish and Dutch. Translations into French and Slovak are expected to be completed soon.

Translators appear to have been commonly motivated by an overwhelming desire to share with their compatriots, the profound spiritual experience engendered by [A Course In Miracles](#) through the medium of this film.

No one is more delightfully surprised by the success of the movie than Filmmaker "Jubi" Onyeama O'Connor, who remains reluctant to accept directorial credit for A Course In Miracles Unleashed, insisting that, "from the beginning to the end of this filmmaking process I was being directed. It was simply an exercise in stepping back and letting 'Him' lead the way."

[A Course In Miracles Unleashed: A Direct Encounter with Jesus Christ In the Evolution and Enlightenment of the Human Species](#) is a unique 4-part documentary film which takes the viewer on a "journey without distance" into the arcane process of individual spiritual enlightenment, through the singular dramatic experience of over 100 ordinary men and women from around the world, who were awakened and illuminated by the revolutionary mind training program of Jesus Christ in his Course In Miracles.

On the subject of why the movie is so deeply impactful, Reverend Alden Hughes of the <http://www.miracleshealingcenter.com/> [Miracles Healing Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. explains: "The exciting astonishment accompanying this transformation of mind is plainly visible in the stories and in the faces on the screen. You are invited to participate in this very personal yet transcendent film experience that will heal the world as it heals you."

A Course In Miracles Unleashed is the first feature length film production of Source Resonance Films.

Source Resonance Films is a whole part of [A Course In Miracles International](#), a worldwide not-for-profit organization with headquarters in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

For more information visit the film website at www.acourseinmiraclesunleashed.com.

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Open Sesame: Mensa Opens Its Door To The Public

No password or secret handshake required - you won't even need to pass the admission test beforehand. Come see what the geniuses are up to through an 'Open House' event in your local area. Open to the public, the 'Open House' events will run from August 1-31, 2009 and offer a taste of what the organization is really about. For 'Open House' events in your area, please visit www.us.mensa.org/openhouse.

Arlington, TX (Vocus) July 16, 2009 -- No password or secret handshake required - you won't even need to pass the admission test beforehand. Come see what the geniuses are up to through an 'Open House' event in your local area. Open to the public, the 'Open House' events will run from August 1-31, 2009 and offer a taste of what the organization is really about. For 'Open House' events in your area, please visit www.us.mensa.org/openhouse.

Prospects who attend an 'Open House' event will receive a coupon for \$5 off the Mensa Admission Test. A person can qualify for Mensa through one of two ways: by taking the Mensa Admission Test, or submitting prior test scores for review. The Mensa Admission test is open to those 14 and older, and locations can be found at www.us.mensa.org/testing. If a prospect chooses to submit a prior test score for review, they can use one from anytime in his or her life. Mensa accepts more than 200 tests scores for membership qualification. A condensed version can be found at www.us.mensa.org/scores.

"The 'Open House' events are a way for everyone to experience how interesting and fun membership in Mensa is," said Guy Conti, Membership Officer of American Mensa. "Mensa events offer a wide variety of themes and subject matter, and bring together people who enjoy meeting others of all types. These events often feature prominent speakers on various topics, game nights and dinner meet-ups."

American Mensa is an organization open to anyone who scores in the top two percent on an accepted, standardized intelligence test. The organization has more than 57,000 members in the United States and more than 110,000 members around the world. Members of Mensa attend local and national events, join special interest groups such as astronomy and philosophy, and help out in their communities through various projects. For more information about Mensa, or to apply for membership, visit www.us.mensa.org or call (800) 66-MENSA.

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Royalty Free Music Available With Self Service Bulk Download Plans, Saves Users 35-90%

Royalty Free Music provider, CSS Music (Los Angeles) has launched its web based online self service Bulk Download Subscription Service. Users can choose between two plans, one that counts down so called D.A.W.N. Dollars and one that counts down downloads themselves. Each plan has 6 pricing tiers including a budget tier at \$199. Licensing is royalty free for film, television, video, internet and audio visual uses.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- Royalty Free Music company, [CSS Music](http://www.cssmusic.com) (Los Angeles), has launched a new self service Bulk Download program on its web site <http://www.cssmusic.com>.

End users can select one of two Bulk Royalty Free Music Plans. Each plan has six pricing tiers including a budget \$199 tier. Subscribers can select Plan I which counts down D.A.W.N. Dollars (D.A.W.N. is an acronym that stands for Digital Audio Worldwide Network) or select Plan II which counts down downloads. Compared to regular single track downloads that CSS offers, Bulk Download subscribers can typically save 35% or more (Plan II Tier 6 subscribers save 90%).

[CSS Music](http://www.cssmusic.com) is intended for film, video, television, internet and audio visual uses and licensed on a royalty free or lifetime blanket basis. There are 83,295 files available for download in .wav format (44.1khz/48khz), .mp3 (44.1/22khz), .mp4/AAC (44.1khz) and QuickTime (44.1khz).

CSS offers a free trial of the Plan I Bulk Download subscription. Online visitors are invited to call a special toll free number and obtain a promo code that will enable them to open their trial account that provides \$40 in free, fully licensed downloads. All 83,295 files are available. Once the initial \$40 in a trial account is used, www.cssmusic.com visitors can choose to renew their trial account as a regular Plan I Account, choosing one of the 6 pricing tiers or simply walk away with no obligation created.

CSS offers 3 search systems: "Most Popular by Genre" Music Supervisor Playlists, Standard Keywords, User Keywords. Once end users complete searches, their selections can be added to Playlists they create. An unlimited number of playlists can be created for various clients or projects. These playlists can be e-mailed to associates or clients across the hall or around the world. Tracks can be downloaded from playlists. Each tune in a search result or playlist can be played in its entirety before final selection. Users can also use a utility that allows a selection to be played at any point in its timeline to more closely identify editing posts and other production values.

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Sydney Metro Airports Launch Filming Studios

Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden have unveiled a filming studio to show the scope and endless possibilities of the Airports as filming locations from anywhere in the world to production teams.

Sydney, Australia (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden have unveiled a filming studio to show the scope and endless possibilities of the Airports as filming locations from anywhere in the world to production teams.

"We have developed Sydney Metro Airport Studios to showcase the vast capabilities of the Airports to location managers, production teams, event management companies and directors. The Studios website - <http://www.sydneymetroairportsstudios.com> enables location managers to view the capabilities of both Bankstown and Camden Airports from their desktop," said Mr Kim Ellis, Chief Executive, Sydney Metro Airports.

"We have developed the Studios website with information about the Airports capabilities and site specific details, complemented it with extensive photography so any location manager can finalise their initial brief from the convenience of their desktop. The website highlights the wide array of filming landscapes and associated infrastructure at both Airports, including aviation related to non-aviation features.

"The website also showcases the types of aircraft available at Airport - from helicopters, training aircraft through to high-end jets and heritage aircraft such as DC-3 and Tigermoths to name but a few.

"Sydney Metro Airports have enjoyed a long and productive association with the local and international film, TV, fashion, entertainment and event management industries, offering a range of aviation and non-aviation settings. We hope the Studios website will be the first productive step in a positive filming experience at Bankstown or Camden Airports.

"The Airports have a strong track record of being reliable, responsive and flexible in delivering productive filming experiences. Recently the Airports have hosted notable productions such as the TV dramas All Saints and Underbelly Series 2, and the wildly popular BBC Series, Top Gear, as well as a product launch for VW, fashion shoots and several TV commercials.

"We invite all production companies, location managers and event managers to take a virtual tour of our Sydney Metro Airport Studios for their next filming project," concluded Mr Ellis.

About Sydney Metro Airports

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is located in the centre of metropolitan Sydney, in close proximity to the Sydney Central Business District and Western Sydney business hubs. It is an exceptional business location with a thriving business park as well as operating one of Australia's premier general aviation airports. The Airport is a



major centre of economic activity generating employment for 6,000 people, it makes a significant contribution to the local economy.

Sydney Metro Airport Camden is Australia's premier sport and recreation aviation airport. Located in an attractive rural environment 31km south-west of Bankstown Airport, Camden Airport has one sealed and one grass runway the airport also has two glider strips. The airport is operational 24 hours a day, with limitations placed on circuit training.

For more information visit www.sydneymetroairports.com.au.

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Become a Karaoke Star with Hot new Karaoke Microphone Introduction

Hot new karaoke and voice microphones from the makers of David Guetta's Swarovski headphones. This karaoke microphone is the newest gadget in the karaoke bar.

The Hague, The Netherlands (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- For the karaoke singers among us who always wanted to be admired and envied while singing karaoke, and who's singing might not have done the trick. Help it at hand with the new Blingaffair karaoke microphones.

Blingaffair is the company behind the Swarovski headphones, which are being worn by famous DJ's worldwide. Top DJ's such as David Guetta, Roger Sanchez, Axwell, DJ Jean, DJ Chuckie have gone before, so this new launch of quality bling karaoke microphones will allow karaoke singers to be among the best.

Blingaffair launches three initial models, flamin, shady and polka. Every piece is adorned with real Swarovski Crystal. The crystal microphones can be used for professional singers as well.

Suzanne Gerbenzon, the designer, says: 'We have been amazed with the response on the designer karaoke mike. Our clients even name them!' 'This karaoke microphone is the newest gadget in the karaoke bar.'

For now they are only available online at <http://www.blingaffair.com>, but will be in stores near you soon.

For additional information (or for a press sample, cooperation, distribution or sales) contact Suzanne or visit www.blingaffair.com.

About Blingaffair:

Blingaffair invented the Swarovski headphones in 2006, and since then have been designing and making headphones for DJ's worldwide.

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Los Angeles Jewish Symphony Presents L'CHAIM (TO LIFE!): A Musical Celebration Of Eastern European Culture, Sunday, August 9, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Ford Theatre

Come to a special evening under the stars at the Ford Amphitheatre for a high-spirited, entertaining program of Eastern European music and songs on Sunday, August 9 featuring the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony. The program features Wladislaw Szpilman's Piano Concertino, featured in the Academy Award-winning film "The Pianist"; Elliot Finkel's The Fiddler, based on a Shalom Aleichem tale; and more, including a featured appearance by Mike Burstyn, one of the world's most popular Jewish entertainers. Join us as the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony celebrates international efforts to promote the legacy of Yiddish language, culture and history. Visit www.FordTheatres.org or call 323 461-3673 for tickets.

Los Angeles, California (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- A spirited program showcasing Jewish and Yiddish music and songs of Russia, Poland and other Eastern European countries performed by artists rich with Eastern European roots is presented by the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony (LAJS) on Sunday, August 9, 2009, 7:30 p.m., at the Ford Theatres. "L'CHAIM (TO LIFE!): A Musical Celebration of Eastern European Culture," features actor/comedian Mike Burstyn and LAJS Founder/Artistic Director Noreen Green, who leads the orchestra with soloists Mark Kashper, violin, Zinovy Goro, clarinet, and Yevgeniy Milyavskiy, piano, in an evening that toasts hallowed cultural traditions.

The first half of the program includes Wladislaw Szpilman's Piano Concertino, featured in the Academy Award-winning film "The Pianist" and written while the composer was interned in the Warsaw Ghetto. Rising pianist Yevgeniy Milyavskiy's performance represents the LAJS's artistic vision providing opportunities for young musicians to appear with a symphony orchestra. Also on the program is The Fiddler, based on a Yiddish Shalom Aleichem tale, written by American composer Elliot Finkel for violin, narrator and orchestra, spotlighting LAJS Concertmaster Mark Kashper and entertainer Mike Burstyn. Rounding out the evening's first half is To the Wedding with soloist Zinovy Goro, clarinet, by Grzegorz Fitelberg (1879-1953), the legendary composer/conductor internationally known as "the Ambassador of Polish Music" whose life was dedicated to promoting Polish art, culture, and music worldwide. The program's second half features Burstyn and the orchestra presenting music, songs and stories reflecting international efforts to promote survival of the endangered legacy of Yiddish language, culture and history.

Since 1994, the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, under the baton of Dr. Noreen Green, has been dedicated to the performance of orchestral works of distinction which explore Jewish culture, heritage and experience. It also serves as an important resource for aspiring composers and musicians. Green, LAJS founder and artistic director, is a renowned lecturer on Jewish music, and an accomplished educator. Under her baton, the orchestra has performed in concert with a number of artists including Billy Crystal, Tovah Feldshuh, Leonard Nimoy, Randy Newman, Theodore Bikel, Laraine Newman, Valerie Harper, Pat Boone, Lainie Kazan, Fyvush Finkel, Dave Koz, Marvin Hamlisch and others. The Los Angeles Jewish Symphony fills a cultural niche that revitalizes the legacy of Jewish music and spans the broad range of Jewish heritage from the nadir of adversity to the triumph of accomplishment. In the words of the Los Angeles Times, "...the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony seems committed to the axiom that diversity is a terrible thing to waste." www.LAJewishSymphony.com

Burstyn, one of the world's most popular Jewish entertainers, has enjoyed a unique international career entertaining audiences on stage, screen and television, in nightclubs and on concert stages throughout the world. Born to a famed family of actors, his work includes "The Komediand," a documentary about his family, which won the 1999 Israeli Oscar. He has received standing ovations and an Outer Critics Circle nomination as Meyer Lansky in "Lansky" and his second Drama Desk Award nomination for his performance in "On 2nd Avenue." He recently completed a concert tour of Israel celebrating his 50th anniversary in show business and co-starred with Valerie Harper in the national tour of "The Tale of The Allergist's Wife." He won an Outer Critics Circle Award nomination starring as Mike Todd in the Broadway musical "Ain't Broadway Grand" and a Drama Desk Award nomination for his portrayal of Mayer Rothschild in the critically acclaimed Off-Broadway revival of "The Rothschilds." He also starred on Broadway as P.T. Barnum in the Tony Award winning musical "Barnum," a role he recreated in the Dutch language production in The Netherlands.

Kashper, the Los Angeles Philharmonic's associate principal second violinist, has appeared as a soloist with the L.A. Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl as well as in many New Music Group and Chamber Music Series programs, collaborating with such distinguished musicians as Andre Previn, Emanuel Ax, and Yefim Bronfman. He has served as the LAJS concertmaster and frequent featured soloist since 1994.

Goro, considered a brilliant exponent of the clarinet in all types of music, including the highly specialized field of Klezmer music, has performed on countless television and motion picture soundtracks, and orchestra recordings for the Columbia, Decca, Philips and RCA Labels, and in the Mark Taper Forum's 1986 production of Ghetto. He has worked as a composer, orchestrator, arranger and clarinetist with the L.A. Chamber Orchestra and is currently LAJS principal clarinetist.

Milyavskiy, at the age of 23, is the Best American Prize winner of the 2008 Jose Iturbi International Piano Competition and has received numerous other awards, including grand prize at the 2006 Los Angeles International Franz Liszt Competition, a 2002 Spotlight Award from the Los Angeles Music Center, and the ASCAP Lieber & Stoller Award. He has performed in numerous solo, chamber, and orchestra appearances nationally and overseas and was a fellow at numerous music festivals.

The FORD AMPHITHEATRE is located at 2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Hollywood, CA 90068, just off the 101 Hollywood Freeway across from the Hollywood Bowl and south of Universal Studios. Tickets, priced at \$36 and \$25 and \$12 for full-time students with ID and children 12 and under, are available at www.FordTheatres.org or 323 461-3673 (for non-visual media 323 GO 1-FORD). This event is part of the Ford Amphitheatre 2009 Season, a multi-disciplinary arts series produced by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission in cooperation with Los Angeles County-based arts organizations. For a complete season schedule, directions to the theater and parking information, log on to www.FordTheatres.org.

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Music Website Strikes a Chord with Music Lovers Following Launch of Blog

Greatergoodofall.com is a bold new website that addresses music as an art and as a means of spiritual communication. With the addition of a new blog, the site hopes to open up to lovers of music and provide a medium for rich discussion about music, art and the nature of the human spirit. Founder Debora Robinson sat down to speak about the unique qualities of the website.

Liberty, MO (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- "I quit my job of 22 years in the healthcare industry to pursue a career in music and art," said Debora Robinson. "I wanted to share my passion for music and art with others, and incorporate my spiritual life into my work."

Robinson's pursuit culminated with the launch of www.GreaterGoodOfAll.com in April 2009. The new website offers a broad selection of music, musical instruments, music lessons, art lessons and supplies, and spiritual books for rejuvenating body and mind.

Robinson hopes to expand the website in the near future with the addition of more instruments including wind instruments, keyboards and drums.

Before the website was launched, Robinson began performing in-depth research on which musical instruments were most often preferred by musicians and repair technicians.

"All the instruments on the website are those I have experience with through personal use, or through friends or professionals in the business." Robinson asserted that this is also true of all the products and services offered on her website.

Robinson believes her website is most unique because she's not just in it for profit. "We don't offer products based on their profit margin, we offer products that provide the best value to our customers."

With the launch of the new blog at www.GreaterGoodOfAllBlog.com, Robinson hopes to communicate her passion, experience and knowledge of music and art. The blog will feature topics ranging from choosing the right musical instrument to information about meditation and pursuing a more spiritual life.

Robinson hopes others will embrace music and art as an integral part of being human. "Our lives are enhanced through music and art, which make us more spiritual and in turn help us lead better lives," she said.

About the Company:

GreaterGoodOfAll.com is owned and operated by Debora Robinson, a graduate with a degree in music and music merchandising, a prominent songwriter and performer and a lover of music and art.

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Arts Festival for the South Asian Community in New York

Engendered, the multidisciplinary annual arts festival being held in New York, with its focus on South Asian arts, performances, and cinema that explores the issues related to human rights and gender & sexuality in the region, is already drawing plenty of attention from the public and the media alike.

New York (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- New York, the Mecca for transcultural arts and birthplace of various cultural movements is all abuzz with Engendered - the multidisciplinary annual arts festival, featuring modern South Asia. Engendered promises a peek into the best of South Asian arts, performances, and cinema that explores the issues related to human rights and gender & sexuality in the South Asian region. The art exhibition Purdah2.0 (<http://www.engendered.org/>) is on from June 30-July 15 at Halvai Gallery, 75 Grand Street, New York, NY.

Acting as a medium to raise awareness and break the silence that surrounds LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) and human rights issues, Engendered, this year, is celebrating the historic win for the community in India. With the Delhi high court ruling Section 377 as a violation of fundamental rights, and legalizing homosexuality, the cheer has spread even to this festival. Purdah 2.0: Body Matters, the art exhibition at Engendered, features leading, iconic and emerging artists from India, Pakistan, Iran, U.S & China like Shailja Gupta, Amita Bhatt, Pritika Chowdhry, Noelle Williams, Raghava K.K, Ariane Lopez-Huici, Marco Guerra and Yasmina Alaoui amongst others.

A case in point is participating artist Shailja Gupta, who creates magic through her sculptures, under the theme - spiritual. An artist with a keen eye for details she reaches out to her audience through www.shailjaonline.com and is participating in Engendered for the first time with her site specific installation "Gods and Dolls". Her work speaks quietly and simply to a cross-section of atypical museum/gallery audience. To continue her support, she is also co-coordinating I-View film (the film component of engendered) 2009 in Lincoln Center, New York in August which will highlight the new genre of films from Bollywood. Shailja says "This new genre of films contains movies such as Dostana, Luck by Chance and Let's Talk among others which have opened their arms to taboo issues such as gay relationships or adultery in man- woman relationships". To support the cause and raise awareness, eminent Indian actors like John Abraham, and Boman Irani, and directors like Tarun Mansukhani, Zoya Akhtar, and Mira Nair will also actively present at the film festival.

For the culture buff in New York, it can't get better than this. The cultural capital will see various activities this summer which will showcase the South Asian community as a whole. While this multi-cultural event is barely 2 years old, it has already generated responses from mainstream media like BBC, Newsweek, and even the NY Times. What we look forward to is, how this cultural festival of the South Asian community, which addresses the concerns related to gender, sexuality, ritual and religions, achieves success in breaking barriers and moves ahead every year.

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Win An All Inclusive Trip to See Widespread Panic and Drive-Truckers At Voodoo Festival 2009 in New Orleans

Widespread Panic and Drive By Truckers have joined forces for Nuçi's Space by offering you a chance win a VIP weekend at Voodoo Festival. The VIP treatment starts with 2 round trip tickets courtesy of AirTran Airways, 3-night stay at the NO Marriott and 2 LOA Lounge Voodoo Fest passes. You will also get great swag from both bands and opportunity to Sit Side Stage at the WP show on Sunday. Visit www.Rocknraffle.com for ALL the details and many chances to win.

Athens, Ga. (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- A new Web site featuring an online contest for the chance to win a VIP experience at Voodoo Fest 2009 in New Orleans just launched. www.Rocknraffle.com offers a chance to win with each \$1 donation made to Nuçi's Space, a support and resource center dedicated to promoting the emotional, physical and occupational well-being of the music community. The contest will close on September 30, 2009 so that one lucky winner can be chosen on October 2, 2009 to receive:

- > Airfare: two round trip airline tickets courtesy of AirTran Airways from anywhere AirTran flies in the continental United States to New Orleans
 - > Accommodations: three-night stay at the New Orleans Marriott, the official hotel of Voodoo Fest
 - > VIP Treatment: Two (2) LOA Lounge (VIP) Voodoo Fest passes with swag from Widespread Panic and the Drive-by Truckers and Special Side Stage Viewing Access for the Widespread Panic performance as well as:
 - Reserved parking in the LOA parking lot
 - Line free entrance
 - Raised viewing area
 - Complementary classic New Orleans lunch buffet with signature drinks daily*
 - Complementary dinner buffet with a Bourbon Street style drink specials nightly* Continuous full bar service*
 - Exclusive live performances
 - Private bathrooms
 - Much more to come
- *Must be 21 years old

Nuçi's Space was founded in 1999 by the Phillips family of Atlanta in memory of their son and brother who committed suicide in 1996 after a long battle with depression. Nuçi was a talented musician and a promising student at the University of Georgia in Athens. Having lived the course of Nuçi's illness with him, the family recognized the need for obstacle free, user-friendly ways of treating and supporting those who suffer from depression and other such disorders. Nuçi's Space provides a variety of services for musicians who are often uninsured including professional therapy and medical care as well as professional services including several sound-proof, low cost rehearsal rooms. Proceeds from Rock N Raffle will aid Nuçi's Space in their mission to prevent suicide by providing obstacle-free treatment for musicians suffering from depression and other such disorders, as well as to assist in the emotional, physical and professional well-being of musicians.

Rock N Raffle was created with the help of the Drive-by Truckers, Widespread Panic, and Plexus Web Creations, all long-time, loyal supporters of Nuçi's Space. 100% of the proceeds from the online contest will benefit Nuçi's Space. "Rock N Raffle will be marketed and publicized nationwide through social media channels," said Ellie



MacKnight, of Widespread Panic who also serves on the board of Nuçi's Space. "We love this idea as a fundraiser because with the help of Plexus Web Creations, the site designers and free publicity from tools such as Twitter and Facebook, there are virtually no expenses. We hope fans of the bands and Voodoo Fest will make significant donations in order to increase their chances of winning."

To enter the contest and support Nuçi's Space, go to www.rocknraffle.com. For each \$1 donation you make, your name will be entered into the grand prize drawing that will take place on October 2, 2009. A downloadable PDF is also available at the Web site for mail-in entries. All mailed entries must be post marked by September 30, 2009.

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Rockwall, Texas Resident Publishes New Medical Murder Mystery

Unexplained deaths plague a teaching hospital in this thrilling novel.

(PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- Prescription to Kill, a new medical murder mystery, has just been published by Rockwall, Texas author Elizabeth Sellers. Ms.Sellers has been an R.N. working in Texas hospitals for quite some time. Here her intimate knowledge of the medical world creates a fully realized cast of characters who call a hospital their home away from home, and she brings the reader behind the white curtains to see what they see....

MEDICAL MYSTERY!

In a large teaching hospital in Dallas, Texas, the neurosurgery department has the usual mix of new and old interns with their usual mix of problems, but it also has a couple of unexpected and unexplained deaths....

MEDICAL MAYHEM!

Joan Murdock, first-year neurosurgery intern, can't save the life of a good friend whose death simply doesn't make sense--or maybe makes too much sense....Next is a hospital pharmacist who perhaps knew too much....And then a grim attack on Joan herself....

MEDICAL MURDER!

The method's unusual; the motive's chilling. Add to the potent brew a couple of torrid love affairs and a secret drug addiction, and somebody's got a...

PRESCRIPTION TO KILL!

Prescription to Kill is a paperback book with a retail price of \$24.00. The ISBN is 978-1-4349-0166-8. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit our virtual press room at www.dorrancepressroom.com or our online bookstore at www.dorrancebookstore.com.

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SciFi's Ghost Hunters®, Roto-Rooter Launch New Bathroom Reader Book: Chilling Tales from the Porcelain Seat

Odd and humorous bathroom plumbing and toilet repair tales make for entertaining reading

Cincinnati, OH (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Roto-Rooter, America's largest [plumbing repair and drain cleaning service](#) provider, has unveiled its latest creation to bring joy and relief to bathroom users everywhere. Chilling Tales from the Porcelain Seat is a vignette-style bathroom reader featuring real life Roto-Rooter plumbers and SciFi channel's Ghost Hunters Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson. Chilling Tales from the Porcelain Seat features strange but true tales of plumbing horrors, toilet problems and hilarity and is available for purchase at ChillyTales.com.

The idea behind the book stems from all the strange, odd, unexplained and simply weird plumbing, clogged drain and toilet repair experiences both the Ghost Hunters and other Roto-Rooter plumbers have witnessed over the years. "Many of the locations alleged to have poltergeists simply turn out to be plumbing problems, clanging pipes and DIY projects gone wrong," Hawes said.

Visit the Roto-Rooter blog to learn more about the book:

<http://blog.rotorooter.com/blog/roto-rooter/0/0/chilling-tales-from-the-porcelain-seat>.

"Chilling Tales from the Porcelain Seat highlights the odd experiences that many plumbers encounter on a daily basis," Hawes added. "Readers will be shocked to learn about some of the bathroom plumbing problems we've experienced on the job and we've even had folks from all across the country send in their own plumbing stories for the book. There are tales that will curl your hair, and others that are just so funny you can't help but belly laugh. It's a great way to spend some quality time on the throne."

The book is also filled with plumbing service repair tips, advice and what not to do's for do-it-yourselfers who may be looking to tackle a plumbing problem, although Hawes wryly admits that his best do it yourself plumbing advice is to call an experienced plumber. Chilling Tales features toilet trivia and even a special foreword by the Porcelain God himself.

Ghost hunting enthusiasts can also [enter Roto-Rooter's Chilling Tales Sweepstakes](#) for a chance to win a trip to Colorado where the winner will join Jason and Grant on a ghost hunt at the famous Stanley Hotel, the location for the filming of the movie The Shining, or the chance to stay at the haunted Spaulding Inn of New Hampshire, owned and operated by the Ghost Hunters stars. Other prizes will also be available.

About Roto-Rooter

Established in 1935, Roto-Rooter is the largest provider of plumbing and drain cleaning services in the United States and Canada. Roto-Rooter operates businesses in more than 115 company-owned territories and approximately 500 franchise territories, serving 90 percent of the U.S. population and 41 percent of the Canadian population.



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New Independent Film "The Perfect Woman" Explores Life, Love and Romance in a Contemporary World

The debut feature film from husband and wife duo Marvel and Subhra Gima, "The Perfect Woman" takes an innovative look at love, marriage, and sex in today's modern world. By contrasting traditional beliefs with more contemporary views, "The Perfect Woman" follows the story of a young Asian couple navigating a trying romance full of harsh reality and unfulfilled expectations.

(PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Is there such a thing as a perfect woman? Husband and wife movie-making duo Marvel and Subhra Gima beg this very question in their ground-breaking debut feature film "[The Perfect Woman](#) ." In the new independent movie, viewers dive headlong into the complex topics of love, marriage, and sex as seen through the eyes of a young Asian couple on the road toward wedded bliss.

Never before portrayed on the big screen, "[The Perfect Woman](#)" tells the story of Nisha and Suraj who are deeply in love but hold vastly contradictory views concerning marriage and love. Suraj is a traditionalist; conservative and conventional, he personifies the logical coherence with which he performs his daily work as a software professional. Conversely, energetic and upbeat Nisha exemplifies a veritable fun-loving and free attitude towards life.

While she is certain of her love for Suraj, Nisha is deterred by his structured view of marriage. Despite these clear contrasts, their love story unfolds until Nisha's world is rocked by a sudden, life-changing event. Torn between romanticism and reality, the young pair struggle to come to terms with the fact that Nisha may, in the end, not be the perfect woman for Suraj.

While [love stories](#) are boundless in Hollywood, this particular story has yet to be told in such a poignant and vivid manner, says Subhra Gima. "The Perfect Woman presents a subject that a lot of women who live in the darkness of different countries of the world are not aware of," she says.

A bevy of young Hollywood stars round out the movie's cast, including lead actors [Ahmed Lucan](#) and [Sharlene Merchant](#). Soundtrack lyrics are entirely by the director himself Marvel Gima and are set over music recorded by Shaan, one of India's most well-known and popular Bollywood singers.

"The Perfect Woman" was professionally assembled by SM Productions, the company created by Marvel and Subhra Gima specifically for the film.

"SM Productions came into existence when our director Marvel Gima decided to go forward with the story he had in his mind for some time," Subhra Gima explains. "Our casting call took us from LA to New York when finally the characters came alive when Ahmed Lucan and Sharlene Merchant auditioned together."

An award-winning actor in his own right, Marvel Gima turned to directing to further his passion for the dramatic



arts. Together with his wife, Gima began realizing the story for "The Perfect Woman" and has never looked back.

"We were excited because everything was falling into place," he explains. "We put together an excellent crew; each came with his expertise and together became the most enthusiastic, vibrant, and motivated group one could come across."

"Perfection is a road, not a destination. Every time I live, I get an education."

The Soundtrack and movie "The Perfect Woman," an independent film by Marvel Gima, are now available for distribution. For further information, please visit www.ThePerfectWomanMovie.com.

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Bandwidth Music | Technology Conference 2009 Announces Conversation with Ian Rogers, CEO, Topspin

The Bandwidth Conference gathers music, technology, digital music, and media professionals to explore the ever-evolving music experience. Bandwidth 2009 takes place on August 27 and 28 in San Francisco.

San Francisco, CA (Billboard Publicity Wire) July 16, 2009 -- The Bandwidth Music | Technology Conference, an annual gathering of music/media executives and digital music professionals, takes place on August 27 and 28, 2009 in San Francisco. Bandwidth explores the evolving musical experience -- how people discover, purchase, interact with, and are exposed to new music -- with a focus on marketing, fan behavior, current trends, and future forecasts.

Featured at this year's conference will be a conversation with artists utilizing the direct-to-fan method led by Ian Rogers, Chief Executive Officer of Topspin, a music and technology industry veteran with roots in defining the way artists and consumers promote and experience digital media online. Prior to joining Topspin, Rogers was Vice President of Video and Media Applications at Yahoo!, and then served as Director, VP of Product Development, and General Manager for Yahoo! Music.

Before joining Yahoo!, Rogers was founder, president and CTO of Mediacode, a media software developer which was acquired by Yahoo! in 2003. He was CTO at rVision, one of the first Web design firms until 1998, then was part of Nullsoft, an early leader in the digital music revolution and makers of Winamp, SHOUTcast, and Gnutella. Rogers was the President of New Media for the Beastie Boys' record label and lifestyle brand Grand Royal, where he was responsible for the first same day digital/physical album release.

Ian Rogers joins previously announced keynote speakers Cory Ondrejka, Executive Vice President, Digital Marketing for EMI; Livia Tortella, GM/Executive VP of Marketing and Creative Media at Atlantic Records; and Jeff Price, founder and CEO of TuneCore.

Bandwidth Conference 2009 will feature prominent trailblazers from various segments of the music industry. Each speaker will provide a unique perspective on the current state of the industry and identify the key opportunities and challenges for today's music, digital music, media, and tech professionals.

More speakers will be announced shortly. Visit the The Bandwidth Conference website for registration and further details at <http://www.bandwidthconference.com>

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Scott Fried's Message Resonates with Teens Around the World

Scott Fried, who has been HIV positive for more than 20 years, is launching a new tour directed to teens about abstinence, safer sex, self-mutilation, substance abuse and dozens of other timely issues facing kids today.

(Vocus) July 15, 2009 -- He's a speaker, an innovator and a great communicator who has earned the attention of thousands of teens in his travels across the U.S. and the world. [Scott Fried](#), who has been HIV positive for more than 20 years, has launched a new tour that speaks to teens about abstinence, safer sex, self-mutilation, substance abuse and dozens of other timely issues facing kids today.

Fried is preparing to release his newest book in September. He is the author of two other acclaimed books, "My Invisible Kingdom: Letters from the Secret Lives of Teens" and "Talking with Teens about AIDS, Love and Staying Alive." Fried's new book, "A Private Midnight: A Teenager's Scrapbook of Secrets" is a journal for teens, a scrapbook of anonymous answers to questions he has posed to thousands of his students.

Fried has earned accolades from dozens of leaders and organizations around the world for connecting with teens and impacting their lives.

Heidi Tarshish, program director of the Na-asesh V'nishma Program at the Temple Israel in Minneapolis, said that Fried addresses major social issues in a way that engages teens and young adults.

"The messages that he brings to our kids are about really valuing yourself so that you don't put yourself in high-risk situations," Tarshish said. "Kids really relate to him well. They appreciate him and they appreciate his honesty. They feel he's a genuine person who is interested in them."

Marc Gross, 30, met Fried while a teen camp counselor at the Jewish Community Center in Staten Island, N.Y. He credits Fried with helping him through "a difficult time" in his teen years.

"Scott taught me that I was someone...not just important, but also someone who deserved to be loved," he said. "He's the reason I'm proud to say that I waited to have sex. I decided that because he told me to treat my body as something of a temple. I won't let anyone in unless they respect who they are and have the same values."

Emily Lasner, 21, of Minneapolis, has known Fried for eight years. Through his books and speaking events, Fried has the uncanny ability to relate to teens and young adults that leads them to listen and take his words to heart, Lasner said.

"Scott is not only a teacher to teens around the world, but he serves as a hero and mentor for them, and he brings his unique gifts as a speaker and friend to teens and adults alike," she said.

Fried speaks to former President Bill Clinton's office of interns every year.



"I am grateful for Scott Fried's efforts to educate young people and the message of hope and support that he imparts to his audiences," Clinton said. "For eager young people, there is no greater opportunity than the chance to learn from a life devoted to the human interest and to realize the immeasurable dividends when one invests passion, optimism and commitment into his work."

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Man's Memories of His Deceased Wife

Author's emotional book about his life and memories from the time he met his wife to the time that she passed away.

(Vocus) July 15, 2009 -- From courtship to marriage, marriage to children, children to sickness and sickness to death, Oliver wrote about his loving memories of Jeanette and the time they shared together. With the help from a journal he had kept over the years, Oliver was able to put his feelings, as well as accurate information, of all the experiences they shared in their life together in his book, "From Courtship to Memories."

Oliver and Jeanette were a very happy, and involved couple. They enjoyed their marriage of 56 years, and all the memories they had made together. They [were devoted to the church](#), volunteered their time to helping those who asked for it, and had a very healthy hand in their community. Unfortunately, all good things come to an end.

In the year of 2001, Jeanette fell ill and became hospitalized in 2006. During this time, Oliver was inspired to write about their life together. She was [diagnosed with tardive dyskensia](#), an incurable disease, and died from it. Though, that was not the end of all things. Oliver used the time he had spent with Jeanette to share with others who could value the kind of things that he had to share.

"Most all of the information in this book has come from experiences. I have been involved in a lot of activities from which I have reaped experiences. Many of them are recorded in my book." - Oliver Hance

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101 Distribution Announces Rick Williams as General Manager

As independent music and video distributor, [101 Distribution](#), continues to grow and push the limits of media sales, adding experience and talent remains a primary focus. Therefore the Phoenix-based company is proud to announce the addition of Rick Williams as General Manager of 101 Distribution.

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"Rick is an industry expert who possesses the knowledge and expertise in building, growing and managing a multi-million dollar distribution network driven by a label focus," says Damon Evans, Executive Director of 101 Distribution. "I have known Rick for more than 10 years now and he is the very reason why the pre EMI owned Caroline was the last great, independent thinking music distributor."

After researching 101 Distribution's simple yet revolutionary concept, Williams was impressed. "I saw immediately that 101 is an innovative, cutting edge company. It's a great way of doing things," he says. "I don't know of any conventional or digital offering that has as comprehensive a service as 101 does. It's really exciting to be in front of the mainstream on the independent side of our industry".

Williams brings over 25 years of managerial and operating experience to 101 Distribution. He began his career as a touring musician and will bring the very passion that drove his love for music to the 12-year old-company. After serving in various marketing, sales and management positions he became the General Manager of Caroline Distribution's Western territory. He opened their Los Angeles branch and was later promoted to VP of Sales, Marketing and Purchasing. In 1996 he became General Manager of the EMI subsidiary where he signed such noted labels as labels Ultra, Century Media, Definitive Jux, Arts and Crafts , Ninja Tunes, Ipecac, Cleopatra, Earache and many more to exclusive distribution deals.

Now Williams plans to apply his expertise to 101 Distribution. He states, "My goal is to help build 101 Distribution by reaching out to artists, labels and our customers both domestic and international to reaffirm our relationships and expand our core business of getting music to the masses through a model that focuses on the artist first."

For more information, visit www.101d.com.

About 101 Distribution: 101 Distribution (Phoenix, Arizona) began shipping music and video titles to independent and commercial retail stores in November of 2001. Today, 101 Distribution manages the digital, mobile, retail and mail order sales for more than 2,000 touring artists and record labels worldwide. The company operates as the only distributor that offers artists a 100% payout for all net sales royalties in exchange for a flat



monthly fee. 101 Distribution catalog titles can be found in 5,500 retail stores throughout the US, Canada and 8 major foreign territories as well as dozens of legal download and subscription sites.

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Public Relations Expert, Kimberly Monday of Monday & Associates is Awarded Exclusive PR Contract for Single to Soulmate: 8 Life Lessons to Help You Get There

Kimberly Monday, President of Monday & Associates a Public Relations firm located in Irvine and San Diego, CA, announced today that her firm has been retained with an exclusive agreement to provide the Public Relations outreach for a new book called Single to Soulmate: 8 Life Lessons to Help You Get There.

(Vocus) July 16, 2009 -- Kimberly Monday, President of [Monday & Associates](#) a Public Relations firm located in Irvine and San Diego, CA, announced today that her firm has been retained with an exclusive agreement to provide the Public Relations outreach for a new book called Single to Soulmate: 8 Life Lessons to Help You Get There. "I'm very excited to work with Ms. Harmer in the strategic Public Relations campaign that will be launched this month. Already the book is getting the type of exposure we hoped for including an article in Parent Magazine. We look forward to creating the awareness of the book through our expertise in the PR industry and media contacts," said Kimberly Monday.

Harmer explains, "I wanted a Public Relations Firm that had the same enthusiasm about my book as I have and Kimberly Monday certainly stuck out amongst the many agencies I interviewed. Kimberly Monday's PR knowledge and media relations were very important for the launch of the book."

Single to Soulmate is about Harmer's years of being a single mother of two children while working full-time in corporate America, Becky S. Wissbaum-Harmer gained great insight into the many issues facing women in the dating arena. In her honest, straightforward new book, "Single to Soulmate", she shares with readers her experiences in the dating scene and the mistakes made and the lessons learned.

"For years I continued in the pursuit of my soulmate. Through many experiences, I learned along the way that we each have the control to be in a fulfilling and loving relationship. In the process, I identified some changes that needed to be made in my behaviors and realistic expectations to truly understand what I wanted and needed in a committed relationship."

In "Single to Soulmate" It's All About How to Open Your Mind to the Emotional and Psychological Factors in the Dating World. Harmer kicks off each chapter with a look at actual situations that illustrate the most common "mistakes" and scenarios that typically prevent you from finding your soulmate.

As every chapter evolves, Harmer references each of her opening "scenarios" by explaining what has taken place from the most common mistakes through her own life experiences of finding true love. Harmer rounds out each chapter with insightful real life stories that give each reader the opportunity to evaluate his or her position in any or all of the dating games to love control wars.

"After over twenty years of watching the mistakes made by my friends and myself in the quest to find a soulmate, it was my mission to write a book that got to the heart of how it became a reality for me and I wanted to share it with others. It was also my goal to write a book for those going through the frustration and confusion of trying to



find their soulmate and a book to which they could relate," Harmer says. "I made a point of structuring the book so it would be a very private and personal experience, as well as a quick and easy read."

"Single to Soulmate: 8 Life Lessons to Help You Get There" was released in the beginning of this month, May 2009, with Vantage Press as the publisher. The book can be purchased for \$8.95 and is available on Amazon.com and Borders.com. For more information, please visit www.singletosoulmate.net.

About The Author: Becky was born in Eugene, Oregon, one of six children, and was raised in Portland. Her first marriage lasted ten years and produced a daughter and son. After over twenty years of being single, the author remarried in 2000. Between Becky and her husband they have seven children and nine grandchildren. Her interests include real estate, reading, writing, music and travel. The author currently resides in San Diego, California.

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Kung Fu Fun. Animated Family DVD 'THE PRODIGY' is Now Available At Major Retailers

"THE PRODIGY" animated family film is now released on DVD at all retailers: Walmart, Amazon, Target, Best Buy, and more. Simultaneous launch of website KungFuProdigy.com offers loads of free fun gifts, streaming video, and interactive fun.

Hollywood, CA (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- For the fans of CG animation, martial arts, hilarious slapstick stories, and action adventure, "The Prodigy" is the film to see. It's the latest feature length film release on DVD by Prevalent Entertainment, Inc. and Peace Arch Entertainment. "The Prodigy" website <http://www.KungFuProdigy.com> was launched simultaneously to enhance the offering.

"The Prodigy" highlights the story of a lovely yet humble young girl in Ancient China who is an exceptional champion. Her name is KG - the 'Kung Fu Girl' with a big heart. Although she is an underdog, and the odds are against her; she discovers that there is no limit to what she can accomplish when she believes in herself. With the help of her brave yet zany Master Panda, KG sets off on a journey to restore justice to her beautiful kingdom and rescue her beloved prince. "A hilarious side-splitting animated feature, THE PRODIGY delivers Non-Stop Kung Fu Fun!"

The DVD is now available in all retail outlets in North America, including Walmart, Target, Amazon, and Best Buy. "In a tight economy, this family DVD can make a fun summer gift for kids who are out of school and would like hours of entertainment," says Prevalent Rep Julie Miller.

The film represents a milestone for Writer/Director Robert D. Hanna, who created Prevalent Entertainment as an independent [animation](#) house that has employed an American team without outsourcing to foreign animators, and performs outside of the big studio system. The innovative Prevalent production pipeline has allowed them to operate at a competitive cost and streamline the animation process.

Some top CG Animators, Production Designers, and Artists from DreamWorks, Sony, and Disney studios all contributed. An integral part of the team is David Colman of Disney Feature Animation; he's an Emmy Award winning artist who generated character designs for "The Prodigy". David Lowery (Head of story on Shrek) was producer and supervisor of the story department, and Craig Elliott (Shark Tale, Bee Movie) was the inventive production designer. Steve Gordon (Shrek II, Anastasia, Over The Hedge) created essential story boards to flesh out the meaningful romantic storyline. Instructive Bonus Featurettes on the DVD illustrate a primer for future animators on "Animated Character Creation" and bringing the "Story To Life"; they document the pre-production work of the talented artists and animators who worked tirelessly on the film.

The new [Prodigy Website](#) was launched at the same time and offers eye catching flash animation, streaming [video clips](#) from the film, and loads of Free Fun Stuff. Kids can download [free posters](#), greeting cards, wallpapers, and a coloring book of all "The Prodigy" characters. The Blog area is where KG and Master Panda write about their feelings and experiences, with synergy between a network of PRODIGY sites on Twitter, FaceBook,



MySpace, and [YouTube](#).

To quote the Writer/Director Robert D. Hanna: "The Prevalent team hopes that THE PRODIGY will bring as much joy to young audiences as there was in creating it."

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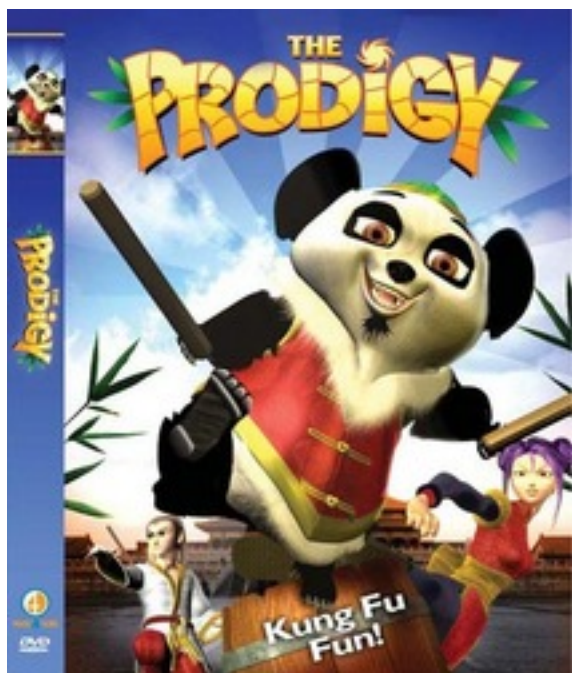
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Kenny Kangaroo to Share a Birthday Party with The Exterminator and American Coaster Enthusiasts at Kennywood Amusement Park Sunday, July 19 - 2:15 PM

Kennywood's long-time mascot, Kenny Kangaroo, invites guests to join in a special celebration for his 35th birthday, the 20th Anniversary of KennyKon, and 10th birthday of The Exterminator roller coaster / dark ride.*

West Mifflin, PA (Vocus) July 15, 2009 -- Kennywood's long-time mascot, Kenny Kangaroo, invites guests to join in a special celebration for his 35th birthday, the 20th Anniversary of KennyKon*, and 10th birthday of [The Exterminator roller coaster / dark ride](#).

Who?

The [Western PA Region of American Coaster Enthusiasts](#), [Kenny Kangaroo](#), special VIPs (including Kennys from past 35 years), The Exterminator riders, and all park Guests are invited to attend.

What?

KennyKon XX - Kenny Kangaroo's Birthday Party - The Exterminator's Birthday Party! Participants can win prizes by answering trivia questions or being on hand for door prizes. Kenny expects a BIG birthday cake good for sharing with Guests.

When?

Sunday, July 19, 2009 @ 2:15 PM

Where?

Kennywood's Kennyville Stage (located between Noah's Ark and the Potato Patch)

Why?

Kenny is proud to be 35 and loves to party (as do the Coaster Enthusiasts) ... plus, at 10 years old, The Exterminator is still one of a kind fun and deserves to celebrate.

*KennyKon is the annual Kennywood event for the Western Pennsylvania Region of the American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE). Over 200 club members, from 14 different states, will be in attendance.

Kennywood is part of Palace Entertainment, which is part of the Parques Reunidos family of parks. Palace Entertainment hosts over 14 million visitors annually at 38 locations with seven theme parks, ten waterparks and 21 family entertainment centers and is the largest operator of waterparks and family entertainment centers in the nation. For more information, visit [PalaceEntertainment.com](#).

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Combine Madrid Hotels at the Madrid's Los Veranos de la Villa Festival

Madrid's Los Veranos de las Villa festival is a celebration of the arts that lasts all summer. LateRooms.com reveals where to stay and what to do.

Manchester (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Now in its 24th year, Madrid's Los Veranos de las Villa festival is a celebration of the arts that lasts all summer.

The event, which began on June 25th, continues until August 23rd and has something to offer holidaymakers of all ages and tastes.

Featuring more than 1,100 performances from a host of talented Spanish and international entertainers, Los Veranos de las Villa is the highlight of the city's social calendar and even incorporates its own film festival.

Event spokesperson Alicia Moreno commented: "The festival has appropriated both concepts with the desire to come closer to, to the point of almost merging with everything that Madrid stands for, being the active, lively, modern, cosmopolitan and international city that it is."

Highlights of this year's event include flamenco performances from Carmen Linares and Guillermo Cano on August 16th at 10pm and music from the Ariel Hernandez Quartet on July 31st.

Tickets to see the Argentinean quartet are priced at six euros and the performance takes place at the Jardines de Sabatini - a venue that is within easy reach of several Madrid hotels (http://www.laterooms.com/en/k15790393_madrid-hotels.aspx).

Other key events include a show by the Munich Ballet Opera on July 31st and August 1st at the Escenario Puerta del Angel.

For those heading to the festival LateRooms.com has over 230 hotels in Madrid (http://www.laterooms.com/en/k15790393_madrid-hotels.aspx) on offer. You will find a variety of hotels here ranging from luxurious hotels to well discounted hotels at affordable prices.

The elegant Tryp Ambassador hotel(http://www.laterooms.com/en/hotel-reservations/97496_tryp-ambassador-madrid.aspx) is located in the centre of Madrid, and has double rooms available from £67 a night.

Situated in the most elegant and iconic area of Madrid the Hotel Villa Real (http://www.laterooms.com/en/hotel-reservations/66994_hotel-villa-real-madrid.aspx) is a 5 star rated hotel that is offering doubles from £110 a night.

Editors notes

LateRooms is one of the UK's leading online accommodation sites offering late availability deals in over 22,000 properties worldwide, ranging from bed and breakfasts to five star luxury hotels.



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LateRooms is the first online site to use VisitBritain's official national classification system to rate its hotels, bed and breakfasts and guest houses. This ensures customers know the standards of quality they can expect when making a reservation.

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Red Bull X-Fighters Set for London Showdown - LateRooms.com

The Red Bull X-Fighters began touring the world in 2001. Now they will be performing in London on August 22nd. LateRooms.com reveals which hotels to visit during the Showdown.

Manchester, UK (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Those staying in London hotels (<http://www.hotels-london.co.uk>) next month will have the chance to see some of the world's most talented motorcross riders battle it out in an action-packed day at Battersea Power Station.

Red Bull X-Fighters 2009 will see 12 freestyle riders complete a number of hair-raising stunts and tricks.

The event takes place on August 22nd and around 17,000 people are expected to turn out for a slice of the action.

Tickets are priced from £20-£45, with the show getting underway at 6.30pm.

The Red Bull X-Fighters began touring the world in 2001 and have so far entertained audiences in cities such as Madrid, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro and Texas.

Those attending the event can expect to see riders reach heights of up to 40 feet when performing ramp-based stunts, with spectators guaranteed to be on the edge of their seats throughout the show.

Motorcross ace Robbie Maddison gave people a taste of what they can expect earlier this week when he performed a gravity-defying backflip over Tower Bridge, soaring more than 100 feet above the waters of the River Thames.

Speaking after the stunt, he described the experience as "awesome".

"I've been set on doing something special here in London so the Red Bull team and I have been secretly scoping out Tower Bridge for months," Maddison added.

LateRooms.com has over 620 London hotels (http://www.laterooms.com/en/k16295585_london-hotels.aspx) on offer, below are some handpicked hotels for those heading to the Red Bull X-Fighters exhibition.

Best Western the Cromwell, rated 4 stars, has double rooms from £89 a night. Another hotel providing standard double rooms is the Waldorf which is rated 5 stars. Also LateRooms.com offers a variety of Budget hotels In London (http://www.laterooms.com/en/k16295585_london-hotels.aspx?q=5_discount-hotel-rooms).

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Artist P. (Philip) Smallwood to Show in Atlanta for the First Time

Watercolor artist P. Smallwood unveils his new series and shows his work for the first time in Atlanta at the National Black Arts Festival running July 31 - August 2 at the Woodruff Arts Center in midtown Atlanta.

Atlanta, GA (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- Watercolor artist P. (Philip) Smallwood is known for his signature watercolor paintings or "Lifescapes", a powerful form of portraiture and visual narrative. . Smallwood, who currently resides in New Jersey, spent many years living and traveling throughout the Southeast and much of his work is inspired by rural families in the South. He will be showing his work for the first time in Atlanta, during the prestigious National Black Arts Festival, which runs July 31 - August 2 at the Woodruff Arts Center. The event gives attendees the unique opportunity to experience the art that black artists from across the country are creating.

Smallwood will be unveiling a new series in Atlanta that is focused on the life of one subject, a young man that the artist has mentored. This new series also marks a shift to a more edgy and intense urban setting as portrayed in *Boys to Men* and *Redemption*. Philip's work gives a sense a familiarity to anyone who lives in a metropolitan city of the southeast.

"Through my paintings, I ask the viewer to stop, engage and experience the individual lives portrayed -- with all their aspirations, dreams and desires - and really see them as worthy of their observation. I want to bring my subjects into the world in a majestic and profound way, to put them on a pedestal and make them royalty in terms of the artistic content." Smallwood explains.

About P. Smallwood:

Smallwood attended the University of Miami and graduated with a B.S. in biology and a minor in art. After college, he founded Woodtopia, Inc., a furniture fabrication and design company that produced commercial and one-of-a-kind artisan pieces. The artisan works, including functional objects such as tables and chairs, challenged the traditional expectation of line and form. The woodworking enabled Smallwood to experiment with volume, line, form, finish and artistic representation. Through watercolor, Smallwood found a medium that allowed him to blend his love of the human form with light, color and a fluid surface ideal for telling the human narrative that has become the heartbeat of his work. Today, his Lifescape watercolors are the culmination of his artistic relationships with structure, shape, volume, finish, light and color filtered through the eye of his life experiences and values.

Philip's work has been shown in solo and group exhibitions, including The Craven Gallery, The Parrish Art Museum in South Hampton and The Studio Museum in Harlem. Other works and more information can be found on Philip's recently re-launched Web site at <http://www.psmallwood.com>.

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Music Video By Platinum Hip-Hop Artist Paul Wall Featuring Travis Barker of Blink 182 to be Shot Exclusively on Apple iPhone

Apple's iPhone to be used in the shooting of a major music video production for rap artist Paul Wall and featuring Travis Barker of Blink 182. Director Amir Valinia pushes the limits in creating professional, high-end content using a simple video camera function found on a mobile phone.

Houston & Los Angeles (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- AV1 Productions and Gatecrasher Films are pleased to announce music video director Amir "Mr. V" Valinia will begin shooting a revolutionary music video entirely on the Apple iPhone for Hip-hop superstar Paul Wall for the recently released song, "I Need 'Mo". The video will also feature music icon Travis Barker of the supergroup Blink 182.

"This production will be the first of its kind", says director Amir Valinia. "This is the first time a major music video with major artists will be shot exclusively using the Apple iPhone 3Gs as the camera. We wanted to do something that was more than just unique. We really wanted to push the envelope of what was technologically available to us, the consumer, today."

Producer Ming Wang states "This is truly something special with what we're doing. This is a music video that will be viewed all over the world, not just because of Paul Wall and Travis Barker, both huge international music stars. But the viral possibilities are unique because of the popularity of the Apple iPhone and the fact that it was made with mobility in mind. For years, advertisers, marketers and major media companies have stressed the importance of creating applications and content for mobile platforms as sales of mobile phones and PDAs have soared along with advancements in mobile technology." "What we are doing is creating professional, high-end mobile content using a simple, consumer-friendly camera that everyone has access to."

Regarding the technical aspects of the iPhone, producer Ron Finberg explains, "The newest generation iPhone comes with a simple video camera, not unlike on other mobile phones out there. What makes the newest iPhone different is it's 30 frames-per-second capability and the fact that the picture and video quality is surprisingly good, far better than one would expect on a cameraphone. Of course there are limitations with a such a simple camera but what we're doing is seeing how far we can go utilizing the existing features. We're the first to apply that simple feature to a traditional music video format. But this goes beyond music videos; it will have a profound effect in all forms of content, mobile or otherwise, and even provide alternatives to the way television and feature films are made. What we're seeing right now is the beginning of the democratization of digital video."

Director Amir Valinia adds, "We've truly reached a milestone with all the recent advances in film and video technology." He adds, ""I have directed and produced music videos for over 10 years now, and saw the opportunity to utilize that experience to try something different, something unique. The production values for this music video will not be any different from all the other music videos we've worked on in the past. It will still be a professional production. We'll be using a soundstage, green screen, professional set-design, etc. The major difference is we are using the iPhone as our camera. Of course new shooting techniques will be incorporated using this new type of camera, but it's just another way of embracing new technology. This is not just revolutionary, but evolutionary."



The song "I Need 'Mo" by Paul Wall is a cross between rap and rock. In addition to Paul Wall, Travis Barker of Blink 182 and rapper Kobe will be featured in the music video. Principal photography is set to begin on July 15 in Houston and July 16 & 17 in Los Angeles. Paul Wall is a multi-platinum selling artist whose album, "Fast Life", was recently released this summer.

AV1 Productions / Gatecrasher Films recently produced the music video "Hip-Hop Saved My Life" for rap and hip hop superstar Lupe Fiasco. AV1 Productions / Gatecrasher Films is full-service motion picture production company, specializing in films, music videos and commercials, using cost-effective strategies and efficient processes and techniques resulting in beautiful motion pictures at ultra-competitive rates. Music videos produced and/or directed by Amir Valinia and AV1 Productions / Gatecrasher Films have in the past aired on MTV, VH1 and BET among others. Amir has also directed several feature films such as "Mutants" starring Michael Ironside ("Top Gun", "Starship Troopers") and Steven Bauer ("Scarface"), "Lords of the Street", starring Kris Kristofferson, and "Lockjaw: Rise of the Kulev Serpent", starring hip-hop superstar DMX.

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Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration Welcomes the Shades of Our Community Tour this Saturday Only!

The 2,500-square-foot Shades of Our Community tour consists of five interactive tents that reflect the theme Live. Laugh. Learn. Central to all the fun will be the Comcast community tent. Attendees can enjoy continuous music, prizes for dance-offs, song-lyric and trivia contests and more. They can have their photo taken with cutout standees of their favorite TV characters. A face-painting artist for kids and lots of giveaways will also be featured. In addition, Comcast is donating \$1,000 to the Center for Leadership Development to honor their efforts in the community with a official 12 NOON ceremony.

Indianapolis, IN (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Turner Network Sales (TNS), the distribution, sales and marketing arm of Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. (TBS, Inc.), and CNN, TBS, TNT and Cartoon Network join Comcast in presenting the Shades of Our Community tour in Indianapolis, IN. The tour comes to the Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration, at the Indiana Convention Center, 100 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, on Saturday, July 18, from 10 AM - 10 PM.

The Shades of Our Community tour is an unprecedented traveling "event within an event." Traversing the country throughout the summer, the tour will be featured at high-traffic community festivals and fairs and offers an array of activities, music, videos, a healthy living station, children's activities, and plenty of goodies and giveaways. From confronting health issues, to sharing the bonds of family, it provides the African American community, and the entire community, a chance to come together to live, laugh, and learn.

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"Comcast is committed to investing in the communities where our customers and our employees live and work," said Scott Tenney, Senior Regional Vice President for Comcast's Indianapolis Region. "This event gives us a chance to give back to the community by offering a day of family fun that we can enjoy together, especially during these tough economic times."

"The Shades of Our Community tour reflects the first-rate upcoming programming on CNN, TBS, TNT and Cartoon Network and provides Comcast the opportunity to connect with current and potential consumers in a unique and unprecedented setting," said Gary Brockman, Vice President of Network Marketing and Operations for TNS. "Every attendee will be able to connect to the tour through entertaining and informative activities covering the bonds of family, joy of laughter, importance of good health and desire to have one's voice heard."

CNN's Black in America 2 Portrait Studio Tent will offer a complimentary professional photo taken with family and friends and printed on-site. Also at the tent is the CNN iReport Kiosk, where attendees will have the



opportunity to record and upload their thoughts and experiences to CNN's iReport.com website. Black in America 2, the sequel to CNN's Black in America, will premiere on July 22 and 23 on CNN and CNN HD. Anchor and special correspondent, Soledad O'Brien, takes viewers across America to meet people who are finding solutions to challenges facing the African American community, and others who are shattering stereotypes about the black experience.

The TBS Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns tent will offer a personalized photo button, pop-a-shot basketball contests, prizes and giveaways. Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns is the latest Perry incarnation, a spin-off of the equally popular Tyler Perry's House of Payne. Since January, it has been the #1 comedy among adults and the #1 scripted series among African American viewers, households and key adults.

The TNT HawthoRNe tent will showcase healthy living and promote healthy lifestyles in the African American community. The TNT medical drama HawthoRNe premiered June 16 and stars Jada Pinkett Smith as a strong but caring director of nursing. Smith is one of the first African American women since the 1970s to play the title role in a television series.

The Cartoon Network Star Wars: The Clone Wars Video Arcade takes attendees to a galaxy far away by offering Star Wars Lightsaber Duels interactive gaming stations with prizes for kids of all ages. Star Wars: The Clone Wars is a CG-animated series from creator George Lucas and Lucasfilm Animation. It takes audiences on new and exciting adventures combining the legendary storytelling of Lucasfilm with innovative animation. In January, the show was #1 in its time period with boys ages 2-14 and is a great co-viewing franchise, especially between father and son. The second season is slated to premiere in the fall of 2009.

For more information on the Indiana Black Expo, call 317/925-2702 or visit www.indianablackexpo.com.

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., a Time Warner company, creates and programs branded news, entertainment, animation and young adult media environments on television and other platforms for consumers around the world.

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Take A 3-Day Weekend For A Super Threesome In Tijuana (...Not That Kind): A Trio of Events Featuring Beer, Lingerie, and Opera

Where else but in Tijuana could you find an 5th Annual International Craft Beer Festival, the Second-Annual Exxxpo Erotica, and the 6th Annual Street Opera Festival - all packed into one three-day weekend! This Friday through Sunday, July 17th to 19th, the City of Tijuana is host to three fun and enjoyable events as part of the month-long celebration of Tijuana's 120th Anniversary. Beer lovers, lingerie aficionados, and fans of opera music can visit one, two, or make it a trio and enjoy all three events in Tijuana's safe, Downtown Tourist District.

Tijuana, Baja California (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- July is filled with celebrations of Tijuana's 120th Anniversary, and this weekend is no exception: between Friday, July 17th and Sunday, July 19th, Tijuana is host to three fun-filled events giving visitors from throughout Southern California a trio of choices that can stimulate the taste buds, tantalize the eyes, and fill the ears with beautiful music.

Starting off is the 5th Annual International Craft Beer Festival - a beer aficionado's dream that boasts more than 70 types of beer from 15 breweries in Mexico and around the world. Participating breweries include the famous and soon-to-be-famous: San Diego's own Stone Brewing Company, Port Brewing Company, Tsingtao, Paulaner, Bear Republic, Carlsberg, Baja Brewing Company, and Cerveceria Tijuana (TJ Beer, Tijuana's own, award-winning micro-brewery). This three-day event (lasting Friday July 17 through Sunday, July 19) will be held at the Tijuana Caliente Casino and Race Track - not only giving beer lovers a chance to sample brews, but also bet on live greyhound races. Attendees to the 5th Annual International Craft Beer Festival will also be entertained with live rock music and local singers, while sampling a variety of food from some of Tijuana's finents restaurants. The Festival hours are Friday from 7:00pm to 1:00am, Saturday from 12:00pm to 12:00am (noon to midnight), and Sunday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Tickets are \$5 (\$60 pesos) per person, and include a threesome of your choice of beers.

Not to be outdone, Tijuana's 2nd Annual Exxxpo Erotica will also take place this Friday through Sunday, raising the City's temperature in an annual showcase of adult entertainment, sexy fashion shows, educational workshops, sizzling dance performances (for him and her), and a spicy collection of lingerie from the largest adult stores in Northwest Mexico. Held just a 10 minute drive from the border at Mezzanine Events Hall (near the intersection of the Via Rapida and Blvd. Insurgentes) - or a quick taxi ride from the Craft Beer Festival. Adults 18 and over can enjoy the Exxxpo for only \$170 pesos (approximately US\$13) at the door, with show hours from noon to midnight each day.

Finally, on a much slower pace, family members and music lovers of all ages can also partake of Tijuana's 6th Annual Street Opera Festival this Saturday - with delightful performances by 150 artists, singers, actors, dancers and musicians during this free street fair that attracts thousands of people each year from Baja California and California. The one-day Street Opera Festival starts at 12 noon on Saturday, July 18, lasting until midnight, and is located along Calle Quinta (5th Street) and Aquiles Serdan streets in Colonia Libertad (just a few blocks east of the Pueblo Amigo Shopping Mall, south of the San Ysidro Border Crossing).

All events are open to the public and located in Tijuana's safe, Downtown Tourist District - only minutes from



the San Ysidro border crossing and the San Diego trolley line. The Tijuana Convention and Visitors Bureau (COTUCO) reminds visitors to Tijuana that U.S. Border Authorities now require US passports or the new Passport Card during northbound border inspections.

For more information about the 5th Annual International Craft Beer Festival (<http://tjbeerfest.com>), the 2nd Annual Exxxpo Erotica (exxxpoerotica.com), the 6th Annual Street Opera Festival -- or have questions about traveling to Tijuana in general, please contact the Tijuana Convention & Visitors Bureau toll free from the U.S. at 1-888-775-2417, or visit their Web site at www.TijuanaOnline.org.

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New Book Consortium To Fill Gaps In Publishing Biz For Literary Authors

Backword Books is a consortium of seven authors who are banding together to market their recently published literary novels. "With the changing landscape of the publishing industry," says author Henry Baum, "and the countless new avenues for authors to directly reach readers, there has never been a time like this. There's a perfect storm brewing."

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Backword Books, a new publishing enterprise out of Los Angeles, fills a huge gap in the publishing business, according to founder and literary author Henry Baum ("North of Sunset"). "With the changing landscape of the publishing industry," says Baum, "and the countless new avenues for authors to directly reach readers, there has never been a time like this. There's a perfect storm brewing."

The perfect storm is that publishers are less willing to take chances with literary fiction while, says Baum, "Emerging media make it easier for quality writers to reach readers. Backword Books is a new approach to the book business."

Named to give focus on old-fashioned values in quality writing, Backword Books brings together the best literary writers that Baum and a small group discovered while reviewing new books. The seven writers use new digital printing technology to publish titles under their own imprints.

After Baum and four other authors landed in Entertainment Weekly a couple of years ago for their well-regarded print-on-demand (POD) books, he saw the gap in what traditional publishers were doing and what could be done. He created a new forum, the website Self-Publishing Review (www.selfpublishingreview.com), devoted to the emerging potential as well as to the pitfalls of self-publishing. He's reviewed many new books and has realized a couple of things.

Yes, there are a number of dull or poorly written self-published books, and their authors don't understand what they need to do. Additionally, subsidy publishers, such as AuthorHouse or iUniverse, "make their money in printing, and so the books are very expensive," Baum says. "That's the main problem with subsidy publishers. Add to that that untested writers rush to print without editing or marketing, and it's unsurprising if people have a hard time selling books."

Backword's authors bring together their quality books to help each other in marketing because they know multiple people pushing multiple, related products together is more effective than one person pushing one product alone. They make clear they're not a publishing company, but a consortium of like-minded authors who have important books that have been getting exceptional reviews.

In short, they are united in purpose under one banner to accomplish three primary goals:

- Attain mainstream media coverage.
- Generate sales.
- Bring an aura of professionalism and legitimacy to high-quality self-publishing.

"The writers in Backword put a lot of care into their work," says Kristen Tsetsi, author of the novel Homefront. "We've all hired editors, book designers, and have acted truly as publishers. The reviews bear us out."

Briefly, the books are as follows. More in-depth overviews can be found at www.backwordbooks.com.

- "The Brightest Moon of the Century" (ISBN: 978-0615249148) by Christopher Meeks, whose book "The Middle-Aged Man and the Sea" joined Baum's book in the "Best Of" Entertainment Weekly article. "Brightest" is a comic novel of a young Minnesotan blessed with an abundance of "experience"--first when his mother dies and next when his father shoehorns him into a private school where he's tortured and groomed.
- "Homefront" (ISBN: 978-0615139906) by Kristen Tsetsi, a former reporter and award-winning fiction writer. Twenty-six year-old Mia faces a battle against anxiety and despair when her boyfriend deploys to Iraq, twisting herself into self-doubt and self-destruction. Says Emmy Award-winning news correspondent James Moore, "I never had a better understanding of the agony of military separation until I read Kristen Tsetsi's haunting and lyrical debut novel."
- "Broken Bulbs" (ISBN: 978-0578004259) by Eddie Wright. Called "a brilliant and stunningly original work," "Broken Bulbs" tells the story of Frank Fisher and his search for "something." When a mysterious young woman named Bonnie offers assistance by injecting seeds of inspiration directly into his brain, Frank finds himself involved in a twisting mystery full of addiction, desperation, toothaches, hamsters, a vindictive postal worker, and self-discovery.
- "Waiting for Spring" (ISBN 978-1440461163) by R.J. Keller. "Waiting For Spring" takes readers beyond the Maine tourists know, beyond lighthouses and lobster and rocky beaches, and drops them instead into a rural town whose citizens struggle with poverty and loss, yet push onward with stubbornness and humor.
- "Spam and Eggs: A Johnny Denovo Mystery" (ISBN: 978-1598588644) by Andrew Kent, pen-name of Kent Anderson, a writer and publishing expert living in Massachusetts. Johnny Denovo strips crimes down to their metaphorical roots then uses these mental insights to unnerve and thwart criminal plots. This fast-paced novel has been hailed as "a masterpiece of deductive challenge, engrossing reading, and engaging entertainment."
- "Threshold" (ISBN: 978-0595497584) by Bonnie Kozek, recipient of National Endowment for the Arts and the Rockefeller Foundation awards. "Threshold" is a take-no-prisoners noir thriller whose protagonist, Honey McGuinness--a gal who moves to Skid Row to escape a haunting past--descends into a dark, seedy, and dangerously seductive underworld in the fearless pursuit of her best friend's killer.
- "The American Book of the Dead" (ISBN: 978-0578026930) by Henry Baum. Eugene Myers is writing a book about the end of the world, and he soon discovers that his novel is predicting real events. He may be the one to stop the apocalypse. In the tradition of Philip K. Dick and Robert Anton Wilson, The American Book of the Dead explores the nature of reality and the human race's potential to either disintegrate or evolve.

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Izzy Gold to Attend Heist Gallery Opening "A Summer Wasted" in World's Largest Limousine

Prolific record producer Izzy Gold attends the Heist Gallery opening in the world's largest limousine.

New York, NY (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- Izzy Gold, prolific music producer, will attend the Heist Gallery opening of "A Summer Wasted" featuring Manhattan Motorcycle Mayhem, a stunt motorcycle show, and art exhibit this evening at 7 p.m. in "The Hummer Killer", which at 10 ft. tall and 50 ft. long is the largest limousine in the world. The Heist Gallery is located at 27 Essex Street between Grand and Hester.

"I feel that this limousine represents the level of success that I've achieved and besides, is there a better way to travel around New York City with 30 of your closest friends?" remarked Izzy Gold when asked why he wanted to make such a grand entrance at this event.

About Izzy Gold Records:

Izzy Gold Records is a new media music branding company specializing in entertainment, fashion, and music that optimizes cross-channel and symbiotic marketing in order to serve the worldwide consumer demand for music, entertainment, and talent branded products. Izzy Gold Records was created with the intent of bringing unconventional business methods to the "sensible" standards surrounding music, art, and fashion. In under three years, the Izzy Gold brand is now nationally recognized, expanding to all areas of entertainment and has worked with such names as Ashlee Simpson, George Clinton (Parliament Funkadelic), Trixy Reiss (Crystal Method), DJ Skribble, American Idol's William Hung, The Four Tops, Jesse Blaze Snider, Chris Jones, famed restaurateur B. Smith, Countess LuAnn de Lesseps from Bravo's hit show The Housewives of New York City, 3 time Emmy nominee Leven Rambin. Liam McMullan, Inspectah Deck (Wu-Tang Clan), and countless other artists - both award winning and up and coming.

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