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Independent Music Industry Calls for Action by SoundExchange

Delayed Royalty Resolution Leaves Artists and Labels Unsure

WASHINGTON D.C. – Dozens of artists and independent labels whose creativity fuels more than 40% of online music today called on SoundExchange to quickly offer royalty rate proposals that will enable Internet radio to survive and build a sustainable industry.

The following statement was released today on behalf of independent artists and labels supporting the SaveNetRadio campaign:

“Our music has found a home, an audience, and a fan base online, and particularly through Internet radio. Internet radio is one of the great music discovery tools for fans of all artists and all genres. In addition to promoting our music Internet radio pays royalties – a great combination.

“It has been several months since thousands of artists and millions of Internet radio fans called on Congress to help, and yet we appear to be no further toward a permanent solution now than we were then. The uncertainty of Internet radio’s future harms artists and independent labels as we prepare tour schedules and album promotions for 2008. Net radio is a significant part of our marketing strategies, but that seems to be lost in the continuing fight over royalties.

“We like being paid for Internet radio performances, but we benefit from high royalty rates only if net radio services can afford to stream our music. If services are bankrupted by high royalties, they play no music and pay no royalties – and we lose. As the intended beneficiaries of sound recording performance royalties, we reject this outcome. We urge SoundExchange, on behalf of the independent artists and labels they represent to find a reasonable and lasting solution as soon as possible.”

List of artists and labels:

James Austin
White Pine TN

Melissa Greener
Austin, TX

Bob McDonald
Boynton Beach, FL

Amy England
Nantucket, MA

Steve Stern
Goodlettsville, TN

Randy Howard
Calhoun, GA

Joey Allcorn
Columbus GA

Paul Knowles
Berkeley CA

Jim Bruno
Daly City, CA

Duane Stailey
Leonard, TX

Maggie Martin
Petaluma, CA

Effron White
Fayetteville, AR

Wink
Keziah, NC

Harry
Bodine, TX

Annie Dinerman
New York, NY

Jack Ely
Portland, OR

Mother Jones Band
Los Angeles, CA

Family Junction
Boston, MA

Steph Deskins
Belle, West Virginia

Rene Lebre
Tampa, Florida

Mophonics
Los Angeles, CA

Soapbox Hero
Santa Paula, CA

Nate Query (The Decemberists)
Portland, OR

Eyeball Records
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Desert Paradise Records
White Pine TN

Saustex Media
San Antonio, TX

Fillee Music
Lubbock, TX

Big Barn Records
Berkeley, CA

Sticker Freak Records
Fayetteville, AR

Boss Koala Records
Denver, CO

Jack Evans (Jack Zen)
Katonah, NY

Austin Bradley
Memphis, TN

Christian Andreason
Bellaire, TX

Christopher Cato
Spring, TX

Rennie Rene J. Foley
Shreveport, LA

F. M. Smith
Chicago, IL

The Dave Kain Group
Peekskill, NY

Joe Koger (Terratoo)
Lake City, FL

Alby Odum
Seneca, IL

Jimmy Duvall
Fredericksburg, VA

Richard Zeier
Hollywood, CA
Denise Barbarita
New York, NY

Chris Baker
Belton, TX

Oscar Richardson
Baton Rouge, LA

Wes Tucker
Arlington, VA

Mary A. Lee (Buddacrush)
Houston, TX

James Bohn
Grafton, WI

Becky Chase, Ken Lyon Brian Burke
(Foxtrot Zulu)
Pawcatuck, CT

Stephan Catenacci
Royal Oak, MI

Eddie Jones (Radial Angel)
Oklahoma City, OK

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