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Locals Give Music to Benefit the Atlanta Humane Society

Looking for the perfect gift for music lovers and/or animal lovers? **The Holiday Twelve** is a one-of-a-kind, limited edition CD of holiday songs donated by local and regional musicians. The Indigo Girls, Francine Reed, Big Mike Geier & Kingsized, Yacht Rock Revue, Stovall, Jennifer Daniels, Soulphonics & Ruby Velle, Gringo Star, Blair Crimmins & the Hookers, Oryx and Crake, Caroline & the Ramblers, and songwriter/poet Kodac Harrison all contributed their renditions of holiday favorites or originals for the cause. The CD is entitled *WAG-A-LOT presents All Creature Great and Small* and proceeds will benefit The Atlanta Humane Society. The project is the brainchild of Boyd Baker, who lives in Atlanta's Lake Claire neighborhood.

Baker recently founded Community Arts Live, a non-profit organization that brings together artists, the community and live performance to educate and inspire and **The Holiday Twelve** is his first project. "I remember buying a holiday compilation put out by Sister Ruby Records in 1992 and always thought it was a great way to get introduced to local talent," Baker said. "Being a huge fan of holiday music, adding the twist of benefiting a local charity just made the project that much better."

He continues: "So many folks have been very gracious in donating their time and talents. When I said it was for the Atlanta Humane Society, everyone was quick to jump on board. WAG-A-LOT came forward to sponsor the project. It's a natural fit with their wide variety of services for dogs, such as doggie day care, grooming, boarding and training."

Besides the artists and sponsor, a lot of people "behind the scenes" are helping the AHS with this project. Radio station B98.5 – THE holiday music station – has offered to help spread the word about the CD and it will be available for purchase from metro area BEST BUY locations. Alex Lowe of Red Tuxedo Productions did a fantastic job of mastering the diverse talents on this disc, Denver-based G. Carr

Illustration and Design (www.gcarr.net) provided the artwork, while Video Copy Services (www.video-copy.com) helped with the CD production. “The outpouring of help from folks reminds me what a great community we have here in Atlanta and how much they believe in the work of the Atlanta Humane Society,” says Baker.

The Atlanta Humane Society was founded in 1873 and is the oldest private charitable organization in Atlanta. Originally chartered to protect women, children, and animals, the Shelter is now a recognized pet adoption center, veterinary clinic, and educational program provider. With a long history of helping the city’s homeless, abused, and neglected animals, AHS does not euthanize animals for time or space constraints.

WAG-A-LOT’s *All Creatures Great and Small* is a limited edition CD available Friday, Nov. 26 until Monday, December 27, 2010 for download and to purchase at five Best Buy locations, Decatur CD, Wax n’ Facts, and Criminal Records. Sign up to get your copy at www.TheHolidayTwelve.com.

Artists contributing to WAG-A-LOT’s *All Creatures Great and Small*

KODAC HARRISON **Twas the Night Before Christmas (Moore) w/Brandon Bush on piano*

Kodac has fronted several bands, made 15 recordings of original songs and spoken word, written songs for movies, performed for U.S. Presidents, held the McEver Chair in Poetry at Georgia Tech, and hosted 10 years at the award-winning Java Monkey Speaks. Learn more at www.kodacharrison.com

INDIGO GIRLS **Your Holiday Song (original)*

Atlanta's best-loved folk-rock duo is known around the world. Their social work on behalf of Native Americans, the environment, and groups like the Atlanta Humane Society shows their support of our community and the world. Learn more at www.indigogirls.com.

FRANCINE REED **Grandma's Cookin' Christmas (Marvin & Raven Taylor)*

Francine Reed is an Atlanta favorite. You may have heard her bluesy backup singing with Lyle Lovett's Large Band or on a duet with Delbert McClinton. Find her amazing cds and duets on iTunes.

BIG MIKE GEIER & KINGSIZED **Do You Hear What I Hear? (Shayne & Regney)*

Standing 6'8" barefoot and bald, Big Mike Geier is a multi-talented entertainer known for his rich baritone and his band's spectacular stage productions that cover a variety of material from Swing to Soul to Rock ‘n Roll. Visit www.kingsized.biz.

STOVALL *2000 Miles (Chrissie Hynde)

From their beginnings as former alt rockers playing traditional country music, Stovall has indulged in almost every form of American music in the past seven years. The energy of their live shows is captured in their first release, *True Story*, available at CDBaby.com, on iTunes, and at Decatur CD. Learn more at www.stovallband.com.

YACHT ROCK REVUE *Christmas Vacation (Mann & Weil)

The music you listen to at the dentist's office while getting your teeth cleaned. They are single-handedly responsible for the reunion of 5 out of 7 members of the band Starbuck. One of Atlanta's best cover/party bands that always delivers. Learn more at www.pleaserock.com.

SOULPHONICS & RUBY VELLE *Heartlite (original)

Soulphonics & Ruby Velle are a funk, soul, and R&B group based out of Atlanta, GA, and have been a slick addition to the local Atlanta scene since early 2008. Lead female vocalist Ruby Velle, is backed by a solid lineup, including a three-piece horn section (trumpet, baritone sax, tenor sax) and rhythm section (B3 organ, electric guitar, bass and drums). Visit www.myspace.com/soulphonics

GRINGO STAR *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus (Tommie Connor)

"Their gristly, roadhouse swagger fuels short, punchy tracks that speak from the rock 'n roll soul of the American South." *Death and Taxes*

"The four-piece melds gritty rural garage-rock tones with imported British pop, adding a distinct Kinks-like jumpiness to create a solid classic style." *Miami New Times*. Visit www.gringostar.net

CAROLINE & THE RAMBLERS *Santa Claus is Back in Town (Leiber and Stoller)

These locals are a true Americana quartet who mix Rockabilly, Country and a bit of Swing Blues. Lead singer Caroline Engel has been dubbed Atlanta's own "honky-tonk angel" and with the incredible Ramblers by her side - Chad Proctor on lead guitar, Rodney Bell on slap bass and Matt Spaugh on drums - they are a band you don't want to miss! <http://www.myspace.com/carolineandtheramblers1>

ORYX AND CRAKE *Little Drummer Boy (Davis/Onorati/Simeone)

This 9-person band's lyrical beauty and musical complexity contains hints of Sparklehorse, Wilco, Portishead, and the Mamas and the Papas while creating a sound that is uniquely their own. Learn more at www.myspace.com/oryxandcrakeband.

JENNIFER DANIELS *Angels We Have Heard on High (traditional)

On touring with Golden/Lab mix, Bob Marley: "I'm quite sure our CD sales are due in large part to his welcoming tail. He's the best road dog ever, surviving porcupines, months long tours, and now boy/girl twins (the human kind)." Visit www.jenniferdaniels.com

BLAIR CRIMMINS & THE HOOKERS *Auld Lang Syne/This Modern World (original)

Blair Crimmings entices listeners into his world with songs of a 1920's gaudiness, reminiscent of tawdry, dangerous jazz. A multi-instrumentalist, he delivers off-kilter piano lines and rapid guitar strum, but tenor banjo, ukulele and accordion aren't out of the question. While devious lyrics can mirror the sinister Charlestons they accompany. Visit www.blaircrimmingsandthehookers.com.

Community Arts Live Inc. is a non-profit that supports and enriches the community by organizing artistic events and live performances that engage and connect neighbors.

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