



"In here there are no strangers..."

Sisters Of The Road

...just friends we've never met."

For Immediate Release

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SONGWRITER'S COLLECTIVE RAISES MONEY, CONSCIOUSNESS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Portland, Oregon (June 12, 2008) – The Cascade Songwriter's Collective is releasing "Songs for Sisters," a compilation CD that will provide entertainment, social change and revenue for Sisters Of The Road. The CD release party will be held July 12, 2008 from 8 to 10 PM at Artichoke Music's Backgate Stage, located at 3130 SE Hawthorne BLVD in Portland, (503) 232-8845. Admission is \$10 and includes a copy of the CD.

Spearheaded by Ken Vigil, Sisters' volunteer, musician and President of design firm Vigil Agrimis, the project's goal is to bring together local musicians to create a theme-oriented compilation CD to capture the struggle of homelessness and connect listeners in a meaningful way, making people think and feel, the way the best songs often do.

Sisters' Executive Director Monica Beemer says, "Ken wanted to do a project that raised funds for Sisters but also built community and celebrated the hopeful spirit. I can't think of a better way to do that than get a bunch of great musicians together and share their amazing craft. Music stirs the soul and rallies the spirit. We hope you will come to the CD release party and get stirred and rallied!"

All songs were donated by local artists, who include: Ken Vigil, Paul Sanchez, Barb Galloway, Matt Meighan/Deb E. Dee, Dave Mullany, Jim Burke, Tracy Klas, Kathleen Lundquist, and Artichoke Music co-owner Richard Colombo.

The CD will be available at local Portland music stores including Artichoke Music, as well as through Burnside Distribution Corporation: (503) 231-0876, www.bdcdistribution.com, 1522 N. Ainsworth St. Portland, OR 97217, fax (503) 231-0420. They will also be available online through CD Baby.

Sponsors of the project include Sisters Of The Road, Artichoke Music, Burnside Distribution Corporation, Pancho's Muse Records, NW Media, Freq. Mastering, and Klauhaus Design.

ABOUT SISTERS OF THE ROAD: Founded in 1979, Sisters Of The Road uses non-violence to support community driven solutions to the calamities of homelessness and poverty. Sisters' cafe is open to everyone, serving low cost, hot, nutritious meals. Sisters also provides job training, support to parents and children, and innovative solutions to the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness through self and community advocacy.

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