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## The GINA Foundation presents the International Squeaky Wheel Tour®

*Hundreds of Recording Artists across the U.S and other countries unite to make noise and raise public awareness of the alarming number of missing people in our country with hopes of bringing one or more home.*

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Oct 10, 2011 – The GINA or Missing Persons FOUNDation presents the International Squeaky Wheel Tour®, benefiting GINA FOR MISSING PERSONS.

The Squeaky Wheel Tour® is an annual, internationally acclaimed concert series created by The GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation, which raises awareness for the staggering number of people who vanish every year. GINA FOUNDATION and subsequently The Squeaky Wheel Tour® was created by **Jannel Rap** in honor of her sister, **Gina Bos**. Both musicians, Gina mysteriously disappeared from Lincoln, Nebraska 11 years ago (on October 17, 2000) after a performance. Her car was found the next day with her guitar in the trunk, but there was no sign of Gina. Jannel realized in her attempts to find her own sister that so many families were facing the same hurdles; their loved ones simply vanishing with no media hook to garner the much-needed, ongoing attention to the disappearance of that person. Jannel had to do something to change that. In 2001, she launched the SWT® and GINA Foundation. Since then, more than 1,000 people have been found because of these efforts.

The **Elizabeth Smart Foundation** ([www.elizabethsmartfoundation.org](http://www.elizabethsmartfoundation.org)) supports GINA's cause and they are combining efforts to help drive this year's Squeaky Wheel® Tour. **Elizabeth's** case garnered national attention and she is now an on-air contributor to ABC's *Good Morning America*. Elizabeth and her father, **Ed Smart**, will appear at several of the SWT events.

Other artists and entertainers around the country that have contributed or are contributing to the tour include **Maroon 5, Karen Black, Gloria Loring, Little Feat, Los Angeles Sparks Basketball, Meatloaf, Ted Lange, Barry Zito, Richie McDonald** and countless indie artists. In Canada, the band **Conscience** has joined the SWT® as well as Canadian Icon **Bif Naked** and celebrated Cellist **Kiki Mizumi**. **Joy Smith**, a Member of Parliament and outspoken advocate in addressing Canada's role in the trafficking of humans world-wide is a tour spokesperson along with actresses **Tantoo Cardinal and Leah Pinsent**.

The International Squeaky Wheel Tour® is being sponsored by:

- **The Surviving Parents Coalition** ([www.spcoalition.org](http://www.spcoalition.org))
- **Dru's Voice** ([www.drusvoice.com](http://www.drusvoice.com))
- **Takamine Guitars** ([www.takamine.com](http://www.takamine.com))
- **Ovation Guitars** ([www.ovationguitars.com](http://www.ovationguitars.com))
- **Dietze Music** ([www.dietzemusic.com](http://www.dietzemusic.com))
- **Punky Pets** ([www.thepunkypets.com](http://www.thepunkypets.com))
- **Believe In Something** ([www.believeinsomething.org](http://www.believeinsomething.org))
- **Planet LA Records** ([www.planetlarecords.com](http://www.planetlarecords.com))
- **The Jimmy Lloyd Songwriter's Showcase** ([www.jimmylloyd.com](http://www.jimmylloyd.com))
- **Loews Hotel** ([www.loewshotels.com](http://www.loewshotels.com))

During SWT® events, performers will spotlight specific missing persons in their area, giving details of the events leading up to the disappearance. Attendees may take a flyer to post throughout their community. A more extensive list of SWT® events and the missing may be found at [www.411GINA.org](http://www.411GINA.org) and [www.squeakywheeltour.com](http://www.squeakywheeltour.com).

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GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation's mission is to educate the public by utilizing entertainment to create awareness and media attention for missing persons world-wide, and to offer a source of information to help people whose family members are missing.