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Famed Humanitarian and Songwriter Paul Williams Joins Jannel Rap, Erin Runnion and Mika Moulton at GINA for Missing Persons 7th Annual Singer/Songwriter Contest Finals

GINA FOR Missing Persons 7th Annual Singer/Songwriter Contest finals take place on **Sunday May 17th, 2009 in a live webcast from 8pm - 10pm** at the Guitar Merchant, 7503 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Canoga Park, CA 91303.

Erin Runnion will co-host the GINA Contest finals with GINA founder, Jannel Rap. As the mother of little Samantha Runnion, who was tragically murdered in 2002, Erin continues to fight for positive change, motivating concerned citizens to be pro-active in our collective responsibility to protect our nation's children from sexual abuse and abduction. In 2004, Samantha's PRIDE Neighborhood Child Protection program became the first initiative of Erin's important cause, The Joyful Child Foundation.



Mika Moulton, who will also speak to the group, has, in the years since her son Christopher's murder, become a veteran lobbyist; fighting for legislation that will keep violent predators behind bars and protect children. Mika founded the nonprofit Christopher's Clubhouse in honor of her son and is also a member of Team Hope, providing peer support to other families of missing children and a frequent speaker on crimes against children.



The GINA Contest invited Singer/Songwriters to submit their best songs to win top prizes and awards including studio recording time, musical instruments and more. Donations to support our cause welcome at: www.411GINA.org 1-877-411-GINA (a 501c3 non Profit).

In addition to a terrific show where the top ten finalists will perform in a live international webcast, there will be food and great raffle prizes for the audience. Tickets/donations at the door of \$10 or more are welcome.

Our prestigious star-studded judging panel includes:

Paul Williams: Singer-Songwriter, actor, writer, humanitarian, an Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe winning Hall of Fame songwriter. "We've Only Just Begun," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "You and Me Against the World," are among his timeless standards. His songs have been recorded by the likes of Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Willie Nelson, David Bowie, Ray Charles, R.E.M., Tony Bennett, Sarah Vaughn, Johnny Mathis, Luther Vandross, The Carpenters and Kermit the Frog.



Ritch Esra: Since 1992, Ritch Esra and Stephen Trumbull have been running the Music Business Registry which includes The A&R Registry, The Publisher Registry, The Music Business Attorney Registry, The Record Producer Directory and The Film and Television Music Guide." Rich was formerly an A&R executive at Arista Records.

Col. Darryl Harrelson: Artist Development/Album Production, Major Label Entertainment/MLE Studios, past president of California Country Music Association, former Vice President, North American Country Music Associations, Intl. (TN), Advisory Boards: Best of Texas Music Awards Show, Nashville Music Festival.

Steven McClintock: Singer/songwriter, publisher, producer/manager, studio/label owner, with cuts by Shiny Toy Guns, Johnny Cash, Tiffany, Andy Williams, Sixwire, Juice Newton, Chris LeDeux and Garth Brooks; scored 20 films and 50 plus commercials; currently publishes/manages Chad Petree/Jeremy Dawson of Shiny Toy Guns, Cathy-Anne McClintock and Ryan Lawhon of White Apple Tree and 3-time Platinum RIAA award and 2 BMI Millionaire Awards and much more.

Mandi Martin: Veteran producer/songwriter/music consultant/artist (Columbia, RCA and Epic records) who worked with Sam Cooke, Ricky Nelson, Johnny Rivers, Jan & Dean, Oleta Adams, Michael McDonald, Amy Kuney; managed Tangerine Music Publishing for Ray Charles; 10 years on NARAS (The Recording Academy) Board of Governors, and is presently producing new CDs for Nick Daugherty, 3 Keepin Lane, and a second single for Barry Keenan.

Pamela Oland: Author of two must-have books on songwriting, "The Art of Writing Great Lyrics" and "How to Write Great Love Songs," among her voluminous lyricist credits are Anne Murray, Earth Wind & Fire, The Jackson 5, Frank Sinatra, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Englebert Humperdinck, Peabo Bryson, The Commodores, Reba McIntyre, Atlantic Starr and the list goes on.

Michael C. Ross: Recording engineer/producer, recorded Christina Aguilera's Hit single on RCA, "Come on Over, Baby," recorded #1 Hit "Lady Marmalade" on Interscope for Moulin Rouge featuring Christina Aguilera, Mya, Pink, Lil Kim and Missy Elliott; recorded "Where the Dream Takes You" by Mya for the Disney film "Atlantis;" tracks for MGM's "Legally Blonde" by Hoku - single "Perfect Day" on Geffen, and a song on Vanessa Carlton's debut album on A&M which garnered 3 Grammy nominations.

Impressively, at least one missing person featured on each of GINA's recent compilation CD projects has been located! In over 250 International events last year, with the support of musicians and performers worldwide on The Squeaky Wheel Tour™, to date over 350 missing people profiled by the GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation have been found!!

Contact: Jannel at clemstreet@aol.com. Organizational support by a coalition of many of our local community music organizations (COSMO Coalition www.cosmocoalition.org - Steve Scott & Judy Lamppu). Thanks to Phil and his staff at Guitar Merchant for hosting this year's contest (www.guitarmerchant.com) and Divine Grind (divinegrindcoffeeco@gmail.com) event catering.

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