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GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation Announces

**The 5th Annual Squeaky Wheel Tour®
For The Missing**

October 17-November 4, 2009

19 days, Hundreds of artists in a grassroots effort to FIND missing people!

When Gina Bos disappeared from Lincoln, Nebraska in October 2000, her sister, Jannel Rap, was left with an impossible void to fill. But in Gina's honor and for her memory, Jannel used her greatest gift, music, to mobilize an international community of families of missing people, generate much-needed attention, and inspire hope. In light of Jaycee Dugard's family's long wait, Jannel is asking how long other families of the missing must wait to FIND their loved ones. The Squeaky Wheel Tour® is one antidote to help fill that impossible void.

Gina Bos disappeared after a performance in Lincoln. Her car was found across the street from the pub, with the trunk open and her guitar inside. To this day, the guitar is the only evidence Gina's family has. The family languished for six long months in an effort to get the word out about Gina as her story lacked the scandal that garners immediate attention.

This is what compels Jannel today. Without an explosive media angle, hundreds of people go missing without the valuable media attention to support the effort to find them. As a musician herself, Jannel decided to use her pulpit, the stage, to talk about her sister and others like her, and encouraged other musicians to do the same. This was the beginning of GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation, a non-profit established by Jannel which helps artists to profile missing people at organized events, and mobilizes communities to not forget.

Nine years later, thousands of GINA Artists worldwide partner together in creating the Squeaky Wheel Tour®. Artists volunteer their events as a platform to make some noise about a local missing person and ask attendees to take flyers to post throughout their community. People are FOUND every year. To date since Jannel began this journey to fill her own void, over 400 people profiled collectively by GINA Artists and GINA Programs have been found.

GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation Programs include: Flyer distribution, support to families of the missing in their search, web casts, web site referrals for families, GINA Concerts, GINA Singer/Songwriter Contest, The Squeaky Wheel Tour®, the Look, Listen and Pass it On DVD and more. Additionally, a TV Series, FINDing Gina, is being developed.

Please visit www.411Gina.org for complete details.

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