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TEXAS MUSIC PROJECT ANNOUNCES
STATEWIDE TALENT COMPETITION AT STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Competition at Chevy Stage to Showcase Emerging Artists

Dallas, TX - September 9, 2008 – Texas Music Project will launch a statewide talent showcase for an opportunity to perform at State Fair of Texas on October 13, 2008 (Columbus Day/Student Day). The contest's four (4) finalists will perform live on the Chevy Stage opening for Radio Disney Star – **Jordan Pruitt**.

Beginning September 8– 30th 2008 , high school aged bands 13-20 years old can enter the contest online at www.ourstage.com/go/txstatefair and upload their songs and submit their information. Judging is done by Our Stage and Texas Music Project online and the winner and finalist will be contacted the first week of October. Sponsors of the contest are OurStage, Guitar Center, Clear Channel, Crystal Clear Sound, The Septien Group and Lone Star Attitude Inc.

"The Texas Music Project Talent Competition reaches out across the great state of Texas to give high school students a chance to show off their talent on a world class stage and win prizes (\$1,000 to their school music department, 10hours recording time, 1000 CDs, and much more) while building awareness for the importance of music education in Texas public schools," Michael Clay, co-founder and Executive Director of the Texas Music Project, said. "We are thrilled to be invited by the State Fair of Texas, Chevy and Glenn Smith Presents to host our event on Student Day for thousands of youth."

Contestants will upload their music onto www.ourstage.com/go/txstatefair and then they will be able to review and judge their peers as a part of the contest. Finalists will be announced on October 1, 2008.

About Texas Music Project

The Texas Music Project (TMP) is a non profit organization signed into House Bill #2582 by the Governor of Texas. TMP's primary mission is to restore and strengthen music education in Texas schools. TMP has distributed over \$250K in music education grants benefiting a projected 800,000 students in Texas public schools, generated over \$1.5 million in publicity value for its cause and has released the critically-acclaimed "Don't Mess with Texas Music" CD series. For more information on Texas Music Project or to make a donation, visit www.texasmusicproject.org, www.myspace.com/donatetomusic , www.facebook.com

About OurStage

OurStage is a leading website for music lovers to discover and promote new artists, and for artists to connect with fans and earn valuable industry support to aid their career development. The site, which is free to fans and artists, enables fans to choose the best emerging talent in multiple music genres by using a tamper-proof judging process. Once chosen, top-ranked artists receive significant career-building promotion and support from established artists, industry professionals, and a broad assortment of partners, including AOL Music, Bonnaroo, Texas Music Project, Virgin Festival, Bumbershoot, CMJ, PLUG Awards, Newport Folk, Newport Jazz, Paste Magazine, Relix, Noise Pop, and many others. Founded in early 2007, OurStage delivers music and related content to over a million fans in 140 countries each month, filtered and ranked by OurStage members for the pleasure of the listening public.

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