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JBL PRO AND GUITAR CENTER ANNOUNCE WINNER OF THE GREAT CAR GIVEAWAY SWEEPSTAKES AT GUITAR CENTER BOSTON STORE

NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, October 15, 2004 — After months of anticipation, the winner of the JBL/Guitar Center Great Car Giveaway Sweepstakes was announced on Friday, October 15, 2004 at Guitar Center in Boston, MA. Andres McCormack, a student at Boston's Northeastern University, won a brand-new 2004 Toyota RAV4 after entering a drawing in the spring. The sweepstakes is a joint venture by JBL and Guitar Center.

Upon receiving the vehicle (which comes fully equipped with a premium JBL audio system), McCormack said, "I'm thrilled to win this sweepstakes by JBL and Guitar Center. Winning a Toyota RAV4 is amazing, but having a JBL sound system in the vehicle is icing on the cake."

"This competition is a reflection of the close working relationship JBL has with Guitar Center in providing the highest quality products and service to music listeners and musicians alike," said Mark Gander, Vice President of Marketing for JBL.

About JBL Professional:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, JBL Professional is the world's leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of professional loudspeakers for recording and broadcast, musician, cinema, touring sound, commercial sound and contracting applications. JBL Professional is part of the Harman International network of professional and consumer audio companies. For complete product and company information, go to the JBL Professional website at www.jblpro.com.



Pictured left to right are: Paul Hanoud, Hanoud Associates; Billy McCommis, General Manager, Guitar Center in Boston; and winner Andres McCormack.

About the Harman Pro Group:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, the Harman Pro Group is part of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (www.harman.com), a leading manufacturer of high-quality, high fidelity audio products and infotainment systems for the automotive, home and professional markets. The Company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol: HAR. Harman Pro Group companies include AKG Acoustics, BSS Audio, dbx, Crown International, JBL Professional, Lexicon, Soundcraft, and Studer.

About Guitar Center:

Guitar Center is the nation's leading retailer of guitars, amplifiers, percussion instruments, keyboards and pro-audio and recording equipment. We presently operate 135 Guitar Center stores, with 112 stores in 46 major markets and 23 stores in secondary markets across the U.S. In addition, the American Music division operates 20 family music stores specializing in band instruments for sale and rental, serving thousands of teachers, band directors, college professors and students. Guitar Center is also the largest direct response retailer of musical instruments in the U.S. through our wholly owned subsidiary, Musician's Friend, Inc., and its catalog and web site, www.musiciansfriend.com

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