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“RECORD LIKE THE PROS” WITH JBL AND GUITAR CENTER

NORTHRIDGE, CA – APRIL 1, 2003 – JBL Professional and Guitar Center, the nation’s largest retailer of musical instruments, have announced the launch of “Record Like the Pros”, a nationwide original music contest open to music bands of all genres. Contestants are competing for a grand prize package consisting of an all expense paid trip to Hollywood, CA, a full recording session at Cherokee Studios, full services of a seasoned record producer and recording engineer, as well as 2000 CD copies of the final recording courtesy of Disk Faktory.

From April 1 through June 30, 2003, “Record Like the Pros” will be accepting demo CDs and/or cassette tapes from original bands submitted under the following formats: Rock, Pop, Alternative, Country, Adult Contemporary, Jazz, Urban, Christian, and Other. An independent panel of judges, featuring experts in their musical formats, will evaluate the submissions based on three elements: originality, commercial potential and musicianship. The “Record Like the Pros” grand prize winner will be announced mid-July 2003.

For more information, visit any of the 112 Guitar Center locations or visit the Guitar Center website at http://www.guitarcenter.com/events/recordpro/recordpro_standard.shtml.

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 Pro website at www.jblpro.com.

Operating over 112 stores nationwide, Guitar Center’s continuing vision is to provide quality musical products at the lowest prices in the nation, while bringing musicians together through informative clinics, product showcases and special musical events. Guitar Center, publicly traded on NASDAQ at GTRC, is headquartered in Westlake Village, California.

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