

## HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN & CENTAUR ENTERTAINMENT TO RELEASE 'LOVE ROCKS' CD FEBRUARY 25th

### Musicians Celebrate Love & Commitment:

The Dixie Chicks, Melissa Etheridge, Christina Aguilera, Pink, Mandy Moore, Dido, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Yoko Ono among featured artists on two-disc compilation.

New York - The groundbreaking double-disc album "Love Rocks," featuring songs of love from a diverse group of artists in various musical styles, will be released Feb. 25, 2005, by the Human Rights Campaign and the HRC Foundation. Produced in partnership with Centaur Entertainment, the CD features a cross-section of straight, gay, lesbian and bisexual artists who joined together to celebrate love and commitment regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. (Full track listing & artist's quotes pasted below)

"What fueled 'Love Rocks' is the belief that commitment should be treated with dignity, respect and equality," said Seth Kilbourn, HRC's national field director.

"This album will help open hearts and minds across the country to the simple fact that love is love."

"My generation knows that if two people are fortunate enough to fall in love, they should be protected equally under law," said musician Mandy Moore, who contributed "I Feel The Earth Move" to the album. "I'm proud of the Human Rights Campaign's work in the fight for marriage equality and honored to be working with them on the 'Love Rocks' CD."

"Music is a great expression of love. And as much diversity as there is in music there is in love," added singer-songwriter Oleta Adams, whose song "Window of Hope" appears on the album. "We should celebrate that diversity and honor it. That's what this CD does. I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Grammy-award winning Melissa Etheridge noted, "As an active member of the HRC, it is with great honor to be a part of the "Love Rocks" CD. My song 'Giant' is about triumph over adversity, love over hate, acceptance over prejudice - everything this CD and the HRC stands for."

"I find it strange that there should be so much controversy about this issue in a modern society. In these turbulent times, how wonderful it is for anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender, to find love," said Yoko Ono, another Grammy-award winner joining the album with a unique version of "Every Man Has a Man."

One hundred percent of net proceeds from the album will go toward HRC's work in the fight for equality. The Dixie Chicks, Christina Aguilera, Pink, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Dido, Carole King, Simply Red & Cyndi Lauper are some of the other 32 artists featured on "Love Rocks." (Additional artist quotes and complete track listing are attached.)

The Human Rights Campaign is the nation's largest GLBT civil rights organization and envisions an America where GLBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community. The HRC Foundation is the educational arm of HRC whose projects focus on equal rights in families and the workplace, as well as providing resources for coming out.

Centaur Entertainment Inc. is a New York-based entertainment company that raises money and awareness for philanthropies that fight for and protect human rights. Centaur accomplishes this by producing quality benefit compilation CDs while preserving the rights of musicians and producers by using only licensed music. Centaur garnered a Grammy Award nomination for its Boy George song, "When Will You Learn," and produced the tremendously successful "Dance with Angels" AIDS benefit album featuring songs from Madonna, Janet Jackson, Sting, Aretha Franklin & Gloria Estefan.

#### Love Rocks Artist Quotes

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-Oleta Adams

"With so much misery, hate and war in this world, love is something that should be celebrated, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity."

-Dido

"Yes, this country has come a long way in regards to Human Rights; at least we thought it had until the somewhat recent public debate over gay marriage. What we've seen and read on this subject in the last year has been most disturbing. What you think of as a natural progression toward more Civil Liberties for all, has taken us back to the days of segregation and the struggle for women's right to vote. We sincerely hope that the rest of the twenty-first Century holds more compassion and understanding than it started with. Love and the right to express and name that love is not just reserved for some."

-Dixie Chicks

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-Melissa Etheridge

"The aspect of my life which matters most to me is that a song which comes from within my soul can inspire a creative and emotional leap for someone else. I'm happy

I can be with the person I choose without shame, this is a gift I receive from the generations before me; the brave, brilliant and true people who wrote and painted and performed and marched and stood and sometimes died for a passionate and spiritual love which they knew was honorable and real. I want to be a credit to my teachers, my peers, and especially, to the children who I hope will grow up liberated from the torment of not being able to marry their soul mate."

-Sophie B. Hawkins

"I am deeply touched to have my song "Just to be next to you" included on this celebration of love cd. I could have never imagined the amazing experiences, outpouring of support and true blessings that would come simply by sharing who I really am and who it is that I choose to love. Celebrating, honoring and protecting this love on every level for all of us, is the great work of the HRC...and it is indeed an honor for me just to be next to YOU on this journey."

- Dave Koz

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-Mandy Moore

"I'm proud to join the other artists on Love Rocks. We're honoring the love that couples of all genders are lucky enough to find - love that should be valued, not diminished."

-Kimberley Locke

"I find it strange that there should be so much controversy about this issue in a modern society. In these turbulent times, how wonderful it is for anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender, to find love. We should embrace, share, celebrate and validate that love. Every man has a man who loves him! Every woman has a woman who loves her!"

-Yoko Ono

"I think it is so important for us, through music, art and even politics, to stand up and use our voices; to support & promote any and all acts of love and commitment between any and all types of people. Let the narrow-minded homophobic, chauvinistic politicians worry about how to end a war and stop killing people, instead of worrying about stopping a marriage or love."

-Pink

"I contributed to this CD because I believe love rocks. Love comes in all colors. We are rainbows and should all shine with our own true colors. Rock on!"

-Dolly Parton

"It is not our similarities which make us equal, it's our differences. Whether it be differences that occur person to person, race to race, religion to religion or gender to gender. We are all human beings. We should all have equal rights. The discriminating don't discriminate."

-Keaton Simons

"Our song 'Summer of Love' is a celebration of the transcendent and radiant power of love - an energy that is unstoppable and which will always triumph over hatred and bigotry. I am proud that the B-52's are a part of this excellent project."

- Cindy Wilson of The B-52's

"I'm proud to be a part of the HRC's compilation disc 'Love Rocks'. It seems enough of a lifetime challenge to find love in any form and ridiculous to think anyone or anything would try to disrupt such a blessing. When there is love there is hope, creativity, growth and generosity, energy, perspective and warmth. Imagine a world where everyone had the pleasure of being in love and being loved by another. Life's priorities would certainly change from anything involving hatred, war and intolerance."

-Rachael Yamagata

#### CD01

1. Christina Aguilera – "Beautiful"
2. Pink – "Love Song"
3. Simply Red – "You Make Me Feel Brand New"
4. Dixie Chicks – "I Believe in Love"
5. Nada Surf – "Inside of Love"
6. Dido – "Thank You"
7. Jen Foster – "SHE"
8. The Bootlickers – "Love Comes Back"
9. L.P. – "Wasted"
10. Sophie B. Hawkins – "Walking On Thin Ice"
11. Keaton Simons – "Currently"
12. Rachael Yamagata – "Be Be Your Love"
13. Matt Alber – "Walk With Me"
14. Kinnie Starr – "Alright"
15. Eric Himan – "No Urgency"
16. Carole King – "An Uncommon Love"

#### CD02

1. Mandy Moore – "I Feel The Earth Move"
2. Melissa Etheridge – "Giant"
3. B-52's – "Summer of Love"
4. Cyndi Lauper – "Time After Time"
5. Kimberley Locke – "8th World Wonder"
6. Yoko Ono – "Every Man Has A Man ..."

7. BT – “Simply Being Loved”
8. Dave Koz – “Just To Be Next To You”
9. Dolly Parton – “Sugar Hill”
10. Emmylou Harris – “Jupiter’s Rising”
11. Garrin Benfield – “Light The Way”
12. Ari Gold – “Home”
13. Jason & deMarco – “All I Long For”
14. Randi Driscoll – “Amazing Grace/What Matters”
15. Billy Porter – “Only One Road”
16. Oleta Adams – “Window of Hope”