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BACH TO ROCK ANNOUNCES WINTER 2009 B2R BATTLE OF THE BANDS

*Student Bands from Elementary School through High School Showcased At 9:30 Club
Maryland Schools: Saturday, December 19, 11 am to 6 pm, and Virginia Schools: Sunday,
December 20, Noon to 6 pm*

Bethesda, Maryland, November, 2009— Jeff Levin, Founder of Bach to Rock, today announced that the Winter, 2009 B2R Battle of the Bands will take place at the 9:30 Club in Washington, DC. The 5th edition of the B2R Battle of the Bands brings together more than 280 local students enrolled in B2R's Jam Program who will showcase their talent and compete to win the contest.

Due to increased enrollment, this semester's Battle of the Bands is B2R's biggest show ever, spread out over two days by school location. Students from Maryland schools will perform on Saturday, December 19th from 11 am to 6 pm, and students from Virginia schools will perform Sunday, December 20th from Noon to 6 pm. This season there will be 70 bands playing both original songs and popular hit singles.

"We see bands in every age group that bring the house down," said Levin. "The judges are always surprised at how professionally the B2R bands perform with children who range in age from 8 years old to 18. But most importantly everyone is having fun and learning in the process."

B2R's method is based on the knowledge that students learn best when they join together to play the music they like the most. The curriculum uses age-appropriate arrangement of both popular and traditional music, along with such innovations as special instrument tunings to accommodate small hands and the use of professional recording technology to provide students with instant feedback. Students are rewarded with Platinum, Gold and Silver Record plaques as they progress through the levels of B2R's curriculum.

Battling bands are evaluated on musicianship, ensemble precision and stage presence. The winning bands in each category are determined by a panel of judges that includes prominent musicians, educators, DJs and music writers. Winners receive a gold, silver, or bronze-record plaque and a chance to work with a professional audio engineer to record original material in

B2Rs state-of-the-art recording studios. The winners' performance is also posted and promoted on the **B2Rmusic.com** website, as well as on B2Rs **Facebook** and **MySpace** pages.

Tickets for the Battle of the Bands are \$5/each. They can be purchased at B2R schools or at the 9:30 Club door on the day of the event. The 9:30 Club is located at 815 V Street, NW, in Washington, DC. Winners will be announced at the end of each event. More information on the Battle of the Bands and on B2R can be found at www.b2rmusic.com

About Bach to Rock

Bach to Rock is a music education program for students of all ages from early childhood through high school and beyond. The B2R system is based on the belief that learning music is fun and students learn best when they play music they enjoy. Weekly ensemble instruction and jam sessions lead to public concerts, Battle of the Bands and recording sessions in B2R's professional recording studios. B2R builds technique, fosters teamwork and enhances self esteem through private lessons, band instruction, and public performance. Schools are located in Bethesda, Maryland, Gaithersburg, Maryland, McLean, Virginia, South Riding, Virginia, and Lansdowne, Virginia. For more information visit www.b2rmusic.com or call 1.877.B2R.8558 (1.877.227.8558).

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

B2R Battle of the Bands at the 9:30 Club. More than 280 local students ages 8-18, enrolled in B2R's Jam Program play original songs and hit singles and compete for prizes.

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