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### **Some Well-Known Names In Music Decide Who Advances At Winery Music Awards Elimination Rounds**

#### **Five More Independent, Original Music Artists Ready To Compete In Next Round On August 11**

Paso Robles, CA –August 6, 2007—Featuring last names such as McCartney, Bennett, and Anderson, this year's first two Winery Music Awards judging panels may be attracting audiences as much as the talent they are evaluating. So far, Ruth McCartney, stepsister of Paul McCartney, Antonia Bennett, daughter of Tony Bennett, and Jon Anderson, lead singer in the legendary rock group, YES, have all served as judges in the 2007 Paso Robles-based Winery Music Awards competition.

Inside the festive, yet comfortable atmosphere of the winery grounds concerts, audiences are free to meet and chat with some of the great names in music in between performances of five artists who compete at each show. The quality of music and growing excitement created by the competition of independent original music artists has generated a buzz this summer among music lovers along the Central Coast and throughout the local wine industry. The competition continues Saturday, August 11, 4pm at Silver Horse Winery in San Miguel, CA.

The August 11 show, the third out of four elimination round concerts, will feature artists from Los Angeles, New York City and the Central Coast of California. Covering a variety of musical genres, including rock, alternative, blues, and pop, the August 11 artists are: Assaf Spector from Brooklyn, NY; The Laurie Morvan Band, Justin Hopkins, and Sarah Hethcoat, all from the Los Angeles area; and Matthias, a local Central Coast artist.

Out of a total pool of 21 Winery Music Awards judges for the 2007 season, twelve music and entertainment industry professionals will be present for the show at Silver Horse Winery. Among them

will be Kenny Lee Lewis and Tim Drury, guitarists touring with the Steve Miller Band and The Eagles, respectively, as will Marc Rashba, Vice-President at Sony Home Entertainment in Los Angeles. Miss Bennett, who has performed around the world as an accomplished jazz vocalist on her own, besides having worked with her well-known father many times, will be judging for the second time this year.

The Winery Music Awards competition is a Paso Robles, CA-based showcase open to original music artists from the US and Canada who are independent and unsigned with major record labels. Its four monthly Semi-Final concert competitions began in June with the first five artists out of twenty competing altogether. Elimination round winners, plus two Wild Card winners, earn a place at the final competition on October 7 and a chance to win prizes, cash, and a breakthrough recording contract.

Singer/Songwriter Shannon Curtis from Los Angeles, CA won the June Elimination Round while the July Elimination Round winner was Dominic Castillo and the Rock Savants from San Luis Obispo, CA. Artist performances are judged in the categories of originality, musicianship and marketability to the prime wine-consuming market, men and women aged 25-54.

Hosts Andrew Firestone, General Manager of Firestone Winery in Paso Robles, and once featured on TV's "The Bachelor", and Janie Terrazas, a Los Angeles-based TV personality and model, keep audiences entertained at each show with their personable charm and quick wit.

The October 7 Final Competition and Awards Presentation show will be the culmination of the summer-long concert series and where the competition's six best artists will compete for cash, prizes and a breakthrough record deal. The Winery Music Awards founder and producer, Kathy Kelly, is hinting that Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, Dave Mason, will be able to break from his touring schedule to come to Paso Robles to present one of the Grand Prize awards, an electric guitar made by RKS guitar, at the final show in October. "I'm in touch with Dave Mason's tour manager pretty regularly. Both she and Dave Mason have promised to do their best to make it happen." When confirmed, a formal announcement will be made after elimination round four.

Founded and produced by Kathy Kelly Productions, Inc., the competition was created out of the growing popularity of quality musical performances at many wineries throughout California. Attendees enjoy fine wine, food and quality original music in a variety of genres surrounded by rows of vineyards and stacks of wine barrels.

Tickets for any of the remaining rounds of the Winery Music Awards concerts are available through <http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com> or by calling 1-800-838-3006. More information is available at [www.winerymusicawards.com](http://www.winerymusicawards.com).

**Note to Editor:**

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