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**PUNK ROCK KARAOKE**  
**RETURNS TO LOS ANGELES**  
**TO PERFORM AT ROCK TO ROLL BENEFIT ON**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT THE KEY CLUB;**

**ALL-STAR LINE-UP OF PUNK LUMINARIES GARNER RAVES FOR THEIR**  
**RAUCOUS LIVE SHOWS;**

**FIRST EVER PUNK ROCK KARAOKE CD/DVD**  
**OUT NOW VIA MVD ENTERTAINMENT**

On the heels of the release of their first-ever double-disc CD/DVD, **PUNK ROCK KARAOKE**--which features an all-star line-up of punk luminaries along with guitarist and emcee **ERIC MELVIN** (NOFX), guitarist **GREG HETSON** (Bad Religion/Circle Jerks/Red Kross) drummer **DEREK O'BRIEN** (Social Distortion/Adolescents/DI) and bassist **STEVE SOTO** (Adolescents/Agent Orange/22 Jacks)--will join Alkaline Trio, The Gaslight Anthem and Broadway Calls for the third annual "Rock To Roll" charity event on Sunday, December 14 at the Key Club in West Hollywood. The "Rock To Roll" event, spearheaded by SideOneDummy co-founder Joe Sib, will directly benefit the non-profit organization UCP Wheels for Humanity. By collecting and refurbishing donated wheelchairs, UCP Wheels for Humanity--whose mission is to provide increased self-sufficiency, mobility, and education to people with disabilities--has distributed wheelchairs to over 40,000 children and adults living in the poorest of conditions, in developing countries throughout the world.

PUNK ROCK KARAOKE has received praise from the media for their unique live shows. In a show review for LA WEEKLY, writer Lina Lecaro noted:

*"The aggressive expression of (real) punk rock never ceases to be exhilarating, and who doesn't love the trainwreck that is karaoke? Put 'em together and you have a new kind of anarchy that's both fun and ferocious. Punk pioneers Greg Hetson (Bad Religion, Circle Jerks), Eric Melvin (NOFX), Derek O'Brien (Social Distortion, Agent Orange) and Steve Soto (Adolescents, 22 Jacks) have done just that with PUNK ROCK KARAOKE and we recently joined the pandemonium again 12 years after the first incarnation (it started back at Fred Eric's now-defunct Vida restaurant on Hillhurst on New Year's Eve '96, and we were there!). The loose concept has evolved into a full-fledged music project, with regular club gigs and the release of the band's first-ever*

*double-disc CD/DVD, which, like the shows, features a slew of luminaries and novices alike pumpin' up the pit (November 13-21, 2008)."*

Elsewhere, in a Campus Circle live review, Ebony March added:

*"The show itself is GENIUS. You take Derek O'Brien from Social D, Steve Soto from Agent Orange/Adolescents fame, Hetson and NOFX's Eric Melvin and watch them back John and Suzie Q Public as he or she sings the hits from punk's heyday. Wrap your heads around THAT one, people. The hardest punks and rockabilly kids this side of SoCal took the stage one-by-one and belted out the best jams of the genre. All it took was a signature next to their desired song and a shot of hooch for courage. Just one warning for future reference: this is NOT karaoke for the Avril Lavigne or Hot Topic set (November 21, 2008)."*

Featuring 10 classic punk songs, the PUNK ROCK KARAOKE CD/DVD--released via MVD Entertainment--includes guest vocals from fellow punk veterans Dave King (FLOGGING MOLLY), Dicky Barrett (THE MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES), Jim Lindberg (PENNYWISE), Joey Cape (LAGWAGON), Jordan Pundik (NEW FOUND GLORY), Matt Skiba (ALKALINE TRIO), Mike Herrera (MXPX), Sean Wheeler (THROW RAG), Spike Slawson (SWINGIN' UTTERS, ME FIRST AND THE GIMME GIMMES) and Warren Fitzgerald (THE VANDALS). The DVD portion captures the magic of the PUNK ROCK KARAOKE live show. With user-friendly vocal on/off options, fans can easily follow along to the lyrics as they appear on the screen and learn the songs by using the added vocal option to hear the songs with the guest singers. Taking it up a notch in hilarity, the PUNK ROCK KARAOKE DVD videos spoof the traditional cheesy backgrounds often seen on most karaoke machines. Instead of couples holding hands on the beach or puppies jumping through flowerbeds, PUNK ROCK KARAOKE has images of a couple romping in the back of a junkyard-parked pickup truck while guzzling 40s!

For more information on PUNK ROCK KARAOKE, visit:

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