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Concord Jazz To Release “*Christian Scott: Live at Newport*” from Critically Acclaimed Grammy-Nominated Trumpeter Christian Scott

In Stores on November 4, 2008, the CD/DVD Set Will Include New Material from Scott and a Performance DVD with Exclusive Interviews

New York, NY – On November 4, 2008, Concord Jazz will release *Christian Scott: Live at Newport*, the first ever live album and DVD from the critically acclaimed and Grammy-nominated trumpeter Christian Scott. Recorded on August 9, 2008 at the JVC Newport Jazz Festival in Newport, RI, *Live at Newport* features 8 tracks including five new songs and features a performance by Christian that echoes his musical hero Miles Davis who recorded his own Newport CD 50 years earlier. The accompanying DVD will feature Scott performing 7 of the 8 album tracks at the JVC Jazz Festival this past Summer and also includes an all access pass into Christian’s rehearsals at Berklee School of Music in Boston just two days prior to the festival. You’ll also get a chance to hear from Christian himself in exclusive interviews while preparing for the festival as well as some thoughts from him after the performance.

Produced by Christian and Chris Dunn (Senior Director of A&R, Concord Music Group), the live album not only features new material but also gives us a new take on three songs - “Litany Against Fear,” “Anthem,” and “Rewind That” - from Christian’s first two recordings. New songs include “Died in Love,” “Isadora,” “Rumor,” “The Crawler” and “James Crow Jr. Esq.” Christian assembled an all star band for this performance which includes Aaron Parks (piano), Joe Sanders (bass), Jamire Williams (drums), Walter Smith III (tenor saxophone) and Matthew Stevens (guitar). Stevens is also Christian’s Musical Director and penned the music for two of the songs on the live album – “Rumor” and “The Crawler”.

The DVD was directed by Devin DeHaven, an LA based photographer and video director, who is also responsible for the incredible images in the package. Devin has directed dozens of music videos and live concert DVD’s including projects for Method Man, Busta Rhymes, Papa Roach, Xzibit, Talib Kweli, Robin Thicke, Sean Kingston and many more. His photography is featured in galleries, magazines and on album covers around the world.

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Live at Newport is the follow up to Christian's sophomore release, *Anthem* and his Grammy-nominated debut *Rewind That*. Both albums received rave reviews upon release in 2007 and 2006 respectively. People Magazine gave *Anthem* three stars while the LA Times called it "a stunning portrait of a young talent on the rise." With his debut, *Rewind That*, Christian landed on Billboard's "Top Ten to Watch in 2006" list. The LA Daily News raved, "The major-label debut from this jazz trumpeter has been generating no small amount of hype – and in this case, the accolades are deserved. *Rewind That* is the real deal." Journalists weren't the only people praising Christian. In an interview with Downbeat Magazine Chris Botti, who stopped by to see Christian's Newport performance, said, "Lately I've been listening to a lot of CDs by new trumpeters. The only one I like is Christian's. He's the new voice in jazz trumpet. I love his point of view. He doesn't sound like any other young trumpet player."

The accolades caught the eye of quite a few industry heavyweights. He found himself in the studio with Prince to record a few songs and is featured on Prince's latest album, *Planet Earth*, on the track "Somewhere Here on Earth." He performed with Mos Def at his sold out show at New York's Highline Ballroom. Christian is also taking his talents to the big screen. He was asked to appear and perform in the Steven Soderbergh film, "Leatherheads" starring George Clooney and Renee Zellweger. Christian will also be featured in the Jonathan Demme film "Rachel Getting Married" which will hit theatres in NY and LA on October 3, 2008.

Tracklisting:

1. Died in Love (6:55)
2. Litany Against Fear (11:26)
3. Isadora (5:00)
4. Rumor (14:00)
5. Anthem (9:13)
6. The Crawler (6:50)
7. James Crow Jr. Esq. (10:58)
8. Rewind That (9:05)

*DVD includes performances of all tracks listed above with the exception of track 6 "The Crawler". The disc also includes an All Access Documentary: The Newport Experience.

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