



**STARBUCKS ENTERTAINMENT AND CONCORD RECORDS**  
**TO CO-RELEASE KENNY G'S NEW ALBUM**  
**RHYTHM AND ROMANCE ON FEBRUARY 5**

*Album Marks Saxophonist's First Latin Romance Release*

*Rhythm & Romance Available At Starbucks Locations  
and Traditional Retailers Nationwide*

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**LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER 20, 2007** – Internationally celebrated recording artist Kenny G – acclaimed as the biggest-selling instrumental musician of the modern era – will release *Rhythm and Romance* on February 5, 2008 via Starbucks Entertainment and Concord Records. The album marks Kenny's first ever CD of Latin love songs – arriving just in time for Valentine's Day. The album will be available in traditional retail outlets as well as Starbucks company-operated locations in the U.S. and Canada.

*Rhythm and Romance* marks his debut release for Starbucks Entertainment and Concord Records, the same team which co-released Ray Charles' *Genius Loves Company* and Sergio Mendes' *Timeless*.

"Kenny G is one of the most successful artists of our time and his work has inspired music lovers everywhere," said Ken Lombard, president Starbucks Entertainment. "It is a great pleasure to work with Kenny G and our friends at Concord to co-release *Rhythm and Romance*."

"There are very few instrumentalists who have transcended their genres and become house-hold names," said Concord Music Group president & CEO, Glen Barros. "With *Rhythm and Romance*, Kenny G has applied his distinctive style to the already emotionally charged Latin genre and the results are sure to connect with his millions of fans."

*Rhythm and Romance* is a unique combination of rich Samba, Salsa and Bossa Nova love songs anchored by Kenny's intoxicating and signature saxophone melodies. From the classic ballad "Sabor a Mi" to the romantic "Besame Mucho," Kenny has created a tantalizing album unlike any other in his catalogue. On this seductive album, Kenny performs with some of the best Latin musicians including Alex Acuña of Weather Report (drums), Ramon Stagnaro (guitar), John Pena (bass), Michito Sanchez (percussion) Enrique Martinez (accordion), Nathan East (bass), Paulino Da Costa (percussion) and producer Walter Afanasieff (piano) to create a truly infectious rhythmic style. The album also features guest vocals by rising Chilean star Barbara Munoz and Spanish-speaking pop/rock sensation, Camila.

"I want to thank Concord Records and Starbucks for what has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my career," said Kenny. "To have the opportunity to play with these amazing musicians has allowed my music to grow in ways I have never expected."

With a career spanning more than 25 years, Kenny G's natural ability to create and set different moods with his music has made him one of the world's most renowned soprano saxophone players. With total global sales of more than 75 million albums, singles and videos, he has earned GRAMMY®, American Music, Soul Train, World Music and NAACP Image awards as well as a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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*Rhythm and Romance* follows up Kenny G's 2006 collection of all-instrumental popular material *I'm In The Mood For Love...The Most Romantic Melodies of All Time*. Prior to that, Kenny released his fourth holiday best-seller *The Greatest Holiday Classics*, preceded by 2004's RIAA gold *At Last...The Duets Album*.

### Tour Dates:

01/18/08	Town and Country Hotel	San Diego	CA
02/22/08	Paramount Theatre	Denver	CO
02/23/08	Vilar Center for the Arts	Beverly Creek	CO
02/26/08	The Dodge Theater	Phoenix	AZ
03/07/08	Centennial Hall Convention Center	Juneau	AK
03/09/08	Hering Auditorium	Fairbanks	AK
03/10/08	Atwood Concert Hall	Anchorage	AK
03/14/08	Castle Theatre Maui Arts & Cultural Center	Maui	HI
03/15/08	Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall	Honolulu	HI
03/16/08	Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall	Honolulu	HI
03/21/08	Kravis Center for the Performing Arts	W. Palm Beach	FL
03/22/08	King Center for the Performing Arts	Melbourne	FL
03/24/08	Ruth Eckerd Hall	Clearwater	FL
03/25/08	Barbara B. Mann Performing Art Center	Ft. Myers	FL
03/26/08	Fillmore Miami Beach	Miami	FL

### About Concord Music Group

The Concord Music Group is one of the largest independent record and music publishing companies in the world and owner of a rich and, in many cases, historically significant catalog of recordings. Concord Music Group's legendary family of labels include Concord Records, Concord Jazz, Fantasy, Stax, Milestone, Riverside, Specialty, Telarc, Peak, Heads Up, Pablo, and Prestige, to name a few. They include titles from some of the most admired and enduring names in music, including Ray Brown, Rosemary Clooney, John Coltrane, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, Isaac Hayes, Little Richard, Thelonious Monk, Oscar Peterson, Tito Puente, George Shearing and Mel Torme. The group's current roster of world-class artists includes: Karrin Allyson, George Benson, Chick Corea, Kurt Elling, John Fogerty, Gerald Albright, Will Downing, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Sergio Mendes, Jane Monheit, Ozomatli, John Pizzarelli, Poncho Sanchez, Spyro Gyra, Curtis Stigers, Angie Stone and Tierney Sutton.

### About Starbucks

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