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**SAXOPHONIST/VOCALIST MINDI ABAIR TO RELEASE HER FIRST PEAK RECORDS CD
"STARS" ON MAY 6 FEATURING HER #14 R&R HIT SINGLE "SMILE"**

MINDI TO PERFORM LIVE SONGS FROM "STARS" AND FAN FAVORITES DURING SPECIAL LIVE INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE ON DEEP ROCK DRIVE.COM ON MAY 1 GIVING AUDIENCES WORLDWIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO "SHOUT OUT" THEIR OWN REQUESTS

Los Angeles, CA (April 24, 2008)—**MINDI ABAIR**, saxophonist/vocalist/composer is set to release her first Peak records CD (a division of Concord Records) titled **STARS** on May 6, bursting on to the pop scene as one of an exciting new generation of crossover artists. For the CD, Abair wrote 11 new songs, with five songs showcasing her vocals. Her instrumental single, **Smile**, is currently on R&R at #14 and is rising; and her vocal song **Stars**, will be serviced to AC radio on April 28. Collaborator/producer Matthew Hager enlisted a group of stalwarts from the pop world to contribute to the new CD including keyboardist Ricky Peterson (John Mayer, Prince), drummer Abe Laboriel, Jr. (Paul McCartney, Sting) and cellist Richard Dodd, (Faith Hill, Foo Fighters).

Mindi will also preview tracks from the new CD to fans worldwide at **DeepRockDrive.com** on **May 1 @ 6:00 p.m. PST** (from Las Vegas), a high-definition, multi-stream live show in which fans from all over the world can enjoy her concert simultaneously. Each participant can "shout out" song requests and send messages to Mindi live throughout the performance. For more information on Mindi Abair's concert on DeepRockDrive or to sign up for her show, visit http://www.deeprockdrive.com/artist/mindi_abair.

STARS is the follow up to Abair's 2006 CD **Life Less Ordinary**, which debuted on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz chart at #1; and spawned three #1 hit singles on Radio & Records. Her debut CD, **If Just Happens That Way**, stayed in the Top 10 for 19 consecutive weeks, and she was named the **#1 most played Contemporary Jazz CD of 2003 by Jazz Week**. Abair has established herself in the pop world touring with Adam Sandler, Mandy Moore, Josh Groban, Duran Duran and Backstreet Boys' Millennium Tour; and her vocal song *I Can Remember* was featured in Aaron Spelling's hit "Summerland"; while *Every Time* was featured in Robin Williams/Mandy Moore's "License To Wed".

"While I was writing the songs for **Stars**, I felt very optimistic, expressing a lot of joy and hope," says Mindi. She adds, "We need that spirit to take hold of us today, and I am excited about expressing these ideas through songs that are meaningful to me and reflective of my journey and the many roads I've taken. I'm going for broke, making the record I've always wanted to make with songs that honestly portray my innermost feelings about my own life and the world around me."

Mindi also hosts a popular weekly syndicated radio show called "Chill with Mindi Abair" that is broadcast in 40 markets in the U.S. and abroad. Each week, she features cutting edge music by artists such as Zero 7, Air, Thievery Corporation, and remixes of classic jazz artists such as Billie Holiday and Nina Simone. A hugely popular solo concert and festival attraction over the past seven years throughout the U.S., Abair recently performed for fans in Japan, Istanbul and Romania.

Says those who have worked with her – **Josh Groban** – "I was a fan the moment I saw a tape of one of her concerts. Her ability to connect with the crowd and appeal to jazz fans as well as those who aren't familiar with her makes her an exciting artist, and I was thrilled to have her as a guest on my tour." Blues giant **Keb' Mo'** takes it deeper: "She speaks to all of our souls. Do yourself a favor and check out her music." **John Taylor of Duran Duran** sums up: "Mindi is unique. Listen to her new album '**Stars**,' a genre-busting, breathtaking combination of contemporary jazz and Top 40 torch songs. It will be love at first listen."

To find out more about Mindi and her new album "Stars," go to <http://www.mindiabair.com>; mspace.com/mindiabair; or <http://www.concordmusicgroup.com/albums/PKD-30637/>.

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