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Visionary Singer and Songwriter Sia Signs with Hear Music

New Full-length CD, *some people have REAL problems*, in Stores January 8 in a joint venture with Monkey Puzzle Records and Hear Music.

London / Los Angeles, November 19, 2007 – Hear Music and ie:music, the artist management company representing the recording artist Sia (nee Sia Furler), today announced that Sia’s new full-length CD, *some people have REAL problems* will be co-released in the U.S. and Canada on Monkey Puzzle Records/Hear Music. The album will be available at Starbucks Company-operated locations and traditional music retailers in the U.S. and Canada starting on January 8, 2008.

With two major label solo albums already under her belt, Sia has enjoyed worldwide success and recognition both as a solo artist and as the vocalist for Zero 7 (*Simple Things*, *When It Falls* and *The Garden*), Sia made her first U.S. splash as a solo artist when her song “Breathe Me” was featured in the final episode of the HBO cable television series “Six Feet Under” in late 2005, and which shot to #1 on iTunes the following day. Since then Sia has continued to gain critical acclaim and a growing fan base, touring this past month to sold-out shows across the U.S. in anticipation of her new release.

The new music on *some people have REAL problems* is at once upbeat, quirky, and achingly gorgeous, featuring incredible song writing and lush arrangements. Sia also enlisted the help of a few talented friends when recording *some people have REAL problems*, including Beck, who sings on a track called “Academia.” The video for standout track “Buttons,” which is featured as a hidden track on *some people have REAL problems*, has already garnered Sia a bit of attention after being posted by blogger Perez Hilton. The video has taken off virally, charting as the #1 most linked and #2 most viewed clip on YouTube the week it was leaked onto the Internet.

The co-release with Hear Music insures wide distribution for Sia’s CD in North America beginning January 8, 2008, including simultaneous release through Starbucks company-operated locations in the U.S. and Canada and all other physical and digital music retailers in North America.

As a preview to *some people have REAL problems*, Sia recently released a 4-song digital EP on November 6 previewing tracks from the CD, including the first single, “Day Too Soon.” The song was also made available as a free download to more than 1.5 million customers via Starbucks locations in the U.S. on November 6 as part of the company’s “Song of the Day” campaign.

“It’s an incredible honor for me to be a part of the Hear Music team,” says Sia. “I am a huge admirer of the artists they have championed in the past and am thrilled that at this stage in my career we can be an exciting part of each other’s future.”

“Sia is a strikingly original artist who embodies the trailblazing spirit of Hear Music,” says Ken Lombard, president Starbucks Entertainment who oversees Hear Music. “Hear Music is proud to co-release Sia’s new album with Monkey Puzzle Records.”

“It is such a great pleasure to be working with two of music’s rising stars: Sia and Hear Music,” notes ie:music’s Tim Clark. “Sia is simply one of the most compelling, indeed irresistible, artists of her age. Hear Music is the brightest new music label on the block, already renowned for its choice of talent and its collaborations with some of the greatest artists in the world.”

To hear audio streams of all tracks on *some people have REAL problems*, including “**Day Too Soon**”, go to: <http://www.siamusic.net/press>
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About ie:music

ie:music was founded in 1992 by two music industry veterans, Tim Clark and David Enthoven. David was renowned for setting up EG, home to King Crimson, T.Rex, Roxy Music and Emerson Lake and Palmer. Tim is a previous managing director of Island Records and worked closely with Cat Stevens, Bob Marley, Grace Jones and David’s EG roster, among others. ie:music is privileged to represent a small roster that includes, apart from Sia, superstar Robbie Williams, renowned composer and artist Craig Armstrong and Archive, who have achieved much success in Europe.

About Hear Music

Hear Music is an innovative record label and partnership between Starbucks Entertainment and Concord Music Group. Rooted in quality, authenticity and passion, Hear Music works directly with artists, both emerging and established, to bring quality music to the widest possible audience, in both Starbucks locations and traditional music retailers worldwide.

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Don't Miss Sia On Tour in the United States in 2008!

2/15 San Diego, CA @ Belly Up
2/16 Tempe, AZ @ Club Congress
2/18 San Francisco, CA @ The Fillmore
2/19 Portland, OR @ Wonder Ballroom
2/20 Vancouver, BC @ Richard's on Richards
2/21 Seattle, WA @ Showbox
2/23 Salt Lake City, UT @ Avalon Theater
2/24 Boulder, CO @ Fox Theater & Cafe
2/26 Minneapolis, MN @ Fine Line
2/27 Milwaukee, WI @ Turner Hall
2/29 Chicago, IL @ Metro
3/1 Detroit, MI @ Magic Stick
3/3 Toronto, ON @ Mod Club
3/4 Montreal, QC @ Les Saints
3/5 Boston, MA Paradise Rock Club
3/7 Washington DC @ 9:30 Club
3/8 New York, NY @ Webster Hall
3/10 Atlanta, GA @ Variety Playhouse
3/11 New Orleans, LA @ The Parish
3/12 Houston, TX @ Warehouse Live
3/14 Austin, TX Stubbs (SXSW)
3/15 Dallas, TX @ House Of Blues