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INTERNET RECORDING ARTISTS RELEASE CHARITY CD TO BENEFIT 9/11 FIRE FIGHTER FUND

Blue Dove Music, a multinational, Internet-based group of musicians and recording industry professionals today announced release of their collaborative music CD entitled *September Rising*. All proceeds will be donated to the NY Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund.

September Rising is the result of a truly remarkable, collaborative effort, said Blue Dove spokesman, Trond Bjornard of Pompano Beach, Florida. More than 100 musicians, composers and recording industry professionals from 13 countries, collaborating almost exclusively over the Internet, donated their time and talents to create the moving, challenging music featured on **September Rising**.

The group itself - Blue Dove Music — spontaneously grew out of an independent Internet mailing list made up of about 1800 music and recording professionals around the world who use the same digital audio hardware and software — most notably Digital Performer - made by MOTU (Mark of the Unicorn), of Cambridge, MA.

Normally our Internet mailing list focuses solely on sharing tips and information about our music hardware and software, notes Chris Neal of Wichita, KS, who played a major role in coordinating the efforts of the widely scattered members of Blue Dove. But on September 11, and in the days immediately thereafter, our list became a place to deal with our feelings. With the collapse of those towers, we suddenly became a family of human beings, helping each other cope with an unbelievable tragedy. The concept for our CD was born out of those interactions. Within days we had formed Blue Dove Music on a new site, and the *September Rising* project was underway.

While the members of Blue Dove donated all the composition, performance, recording, audio mastering, graphic design, marketing and distribution efforts for the CD, MOTU donated the funds to manufacture the CDs.

We are very proud of all the music created, and of the enduring, positive spirit that brought so many disparate people together to succeed at this challenging mission, reflects Bjornard. Our project spanned enormous physical distances, and

embraced significant cultural differences between the participants. The music reflects the diversity of our contributors, and celebrates our strong, common resolve to do something positive following the events of September 11, 2001.

Bjornard said, This is not a celebrity-based project. *September Rising* is the response of caring, talented music industry professionals from around the world, involved in composing, CD production, recording studios, film scoring, video post production and other technical areas. Out of over 50 submissions, 19 diverse pieces were chosen for the *September Rising* CD. This is a collection of moving, powerful, first-rate music, born out of the strongest imaginable inspiration. The styles range from pop, jazz, and country, to orchestral and electronic.

Complete information about Blue Dove Music, and high quality samples of the music are available at the Blue Dove website, www.SeptemberRising.com. Blue Dove can also be contacted via email at info@mmmmp.com.

September Rising CD s are available for purchase through www.CDBaby.com, an independent internet music distributor. All proceeds will be donated to the NY Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund .

ABOUT THE CHARITY:

The NY Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund is the only fund officially endorsed by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Executive Boards of Uniformed Firefighters Association of New York, Local 94 and New York Uniformed Fire Officers Association, Local 854, for the September 11 victims, families, and their children. Additional information about this tax deductible fund is available at the IAFF website, http://daily.iaff.org/fund.htm