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October 13, 2016 – The GINA or Missing Persons FOUNDation presents the 11th Annual Squeaky Wheel® Tour.

The **Squeaky Wheel® Tour** is an annual, internationally acclaimed concert series created by the **GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation**, which raises awareness for the staggering number of people who vanish every year. The **GINA FOUNDation** and subsequently the **Squeaky Wheel® Tour**, was created by **Jannel Rap** in honor of her sister, **Gina Bos**. Both musicians, Gina mysteriously disappeared from Lincoln, Nebraska 16 years ago on October 17, 2000 after a performance. Her car was found the next day with her guitar in the trunk, but there was no sign of Gina. She has not been seen since. Jannel realized during her attempts to find her own sister that so many families were facing the same hurdles - their loved ones simply vanishing with little or no drama to gain the much-needed, ongoing attention and interest of the media for the disappearance of that person. Jannel had to do something to change that. In 2001, she launched **the GINA FOUNDation**, which held **GINA Concerts** and beginning in 2006, the **SWT®**. Through the collective efforts of cooperating nonprofits, law enforcement, artists, audiences, families of the missing and the media that support this much needed work, the **Squeaky Wheel® Tour** brings awareness to the missing. The public supporting the events are the critical factor that helps to bring the tips in for law enforcement to assist in finding those waiting to be found.

Families of the missing not only suffer the loss of their loved ones and financial, emotional and mental hardships, but they find it difficult or next to impossible to gain media attention when there is nothing new in their loved one's case. The **Squeaky Wheel® Tour's** effort helps to bridge the gap by partnering with artists and nonprofits world-wide to bring local attention to local missing. Please join us in this effort to help the families.

Artists and entertainers that have contributed to **GINA/SWT®** include, but are not limited to: **Maroon 5, Karen Black, Gloria Loring, Little Feat, Barry Zito, Richie McDonald, Los Angeles Sparks Basketball, Meatloaf, Ted Lange, ViRAGO** and countless indie artists. **Elizabeth Smart**, the Utah teen that was abducted in 2002 joined in support of **SWT®** with her father, **Ed Smart**. National publications and programs include **People Magazine, Inside Edition, The Music Connection Magazine, Geraldo** and **The Grammy Program**. In Canada, the band **Conscience** has joined the **SWT®** as well as Canadian Icon **Bif Naked** and celebrated Cellist **Kiki Mizumi**. **Joy Smith**, a Member of Parliament and outspoken advocate in addressing Canada's role in the trafficking of humans world-wide has been a tour spokesperson along with actresses **Tantoo Cardinal** and **Leah Pinsent**.

During the events performers spotlight specific missing persons in the event area, giving details of the events leading up to the disappearance. Attendees are asked to take pictures of missing persons posters to post throughout their social media community. A more extensive list of those waiting to be found in your area is at www.411GINA.org.

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The GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation's mission is to educate the public by utilizing entertainment to create awareness and media attention for missing persons world-wide, and to offer a source of information to help people whose family members are missing.