

THE SQUEAKY WHEEL® TOUR

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September 7, 2017 – The GINA or Missing Persons FOUNDation presents the Squeaky Wheel® Tour, October through November 2017

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 17 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 never been seen again. 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** and countless indie artists. 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 is 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 may take a flyer to post throughout their community. A more extensive list of the missing in your area may be found at www.411GINA.org.

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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.