

The GINA Foundation presents the 9th Annual Squeaky Wheel® Tour from October through November, 2014

Events around the world will unite to make noise and raise public awareness of the alarming number of missing people internationally with hopes of bringing home those waiting to be found.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 6, 2014 –The 9th Annual Squeaky Wheel® Tour at Gypsy Sally’s in Washington, DC on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[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 musician **Jannel Rap** in honor of her sister, **Gina Bos**. Also a musician, Gina mysteriously disappeared from Lincoln, Nebraska 14 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, starting in 2006, the annual **Squeaky Wheel® Tour**. 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.

The **SWT®** will be in Washington, DC on **October 26, 2014** at [Gypsy Sally’s Vinyl Lounge \(www.gypsysallys.com\)](http://www.gypsysallys.com), **3401 K Street NW, Washington, DC**. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., and the show runs from 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, and donations are appreciated and strongly encouraged. (*All donations go to the **GINA FOUNDation**.*) Performers are (*in order of appearance*) [Jannel Rap](#) (the founder of **GINA**), New Jersey duo [Virago](#), and DC area artists [Annette Wasilik](#), [Carey Colvin](#), [David A. Alberding](#), [Michael Sheppard](#), [Ruthie Logsdon & Greg Hardin \(Ruthie & The Wranglers\)](#), and [Patty Reese](#).

The missing being profiled* at the **Gypsy Sally’s** show include [Norma Avillan](#) (VA), [Leann Faulk](#) (MD), [Zita Gutierrez](#) (MD), [Heather Johnson](#) (MD), [Shanea Lockwood](#) (VA), [Jerry Plaster](#) (VA), [Relisha Rudd](#) (DC), [Levi Smith](#) (DC), and [Joseph Sweat, Jr.](#) (DC). *NOTE: If any of the missing listed for this show are found before the performance, other missing will be substituted. Please visit the Washington, DC show listing at www.squeakywheeltour.org for up-to-the-minute changes.

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 may take a flyer to post throughout their community. A more extensive list of those waiting to be found in your area is at www.411GINA.org.

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