

DR. JOHN'S 429 RECORDS DEBUT "CITY THAT CARE FORGOT"  
NOMINATED FOR "BEST CONTEMPORARY BLUES" GRAMMY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Iconic American musician and unofficial ambassador to New Orleans, the legendary Dr. John (aka Mac Rebennack, Jr.) has secured a Grammy Award nomination for "Best Contemporary Blues Album" for his 2008 recording CITY THAT CARE FORGOT. He recently signed to the Savoy Label Group's 429 Records which released the heartfelt homage to his hometown of New Orleans. Described by USA Today as "a rambunctious and furious post-Katrina polemic," CITY THAT CARE FORGOT is both an eloquent and an angry musical venting of emotions surrounding the devastation and lack of response to the Katrina disaster. This is Dr. John's 11<sup>th</sup> Grammy Award nomination overall having won the award in 1989, 1992, 1996 and 2000. The 51<sup>st</sup> Grammy Awards will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

With the help of guests such as Eric Clapton, Willie Nelson, Ani Di Franco and Terence Blanchard, Dr. John fuses the blues, funk and soul in his distinctive and irrepressible swamp-vooodoo style and comes up with a bold and heartfelt homage to his hometown in response to the tragedy that is post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans. Noted SLG President, Steve Vining, "It's an elegant, elegiac and angry collection of songs that mark a career highlight—we're thrilled for the nomination and the chance to have been a part of such a powerful project."

"CITY THAT CARE FORGOT" is a bold musical statement and a cry for justice and humanity from an artist who is inseparable from the vibrant and colorful culture of the Crescent City. Says Mac in the Times-Picayune newspaper: "This is only the second time I made a record solely for the people of New Orleans. If it helps anybody down there to get any of their piss-offedness out, if it helps anybody down there in any way—good. This is a record I just could not not do. I couldn't have lived with myself if I didn't make this record."

429 Records is a unit of the Savoy Label Group (SLG). SLG is the North American unit of CME (Columbia Music Entertainment), the oldest music company in Japan. The Savoy Label Group has evolved into a leading independent company in the adult music genres, consistently outperforming competitors in key music categories as monitored by Billboard Magazine. SLG is lead by Steve Vining and CME is headed by Chairman Strauss Zelnick, founder of Zelnick Media which owns interests in and manages an array of media companies.

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