

Golden Slumbers is committed to creating projects that bring families together

"GOLDEN SLUMBERS: A FATHER'S LOVE"

HEARTFELT SONGS CELEBRATING THE BOND BETWEEN FATHER AND CHILD

Michael McDonald, Dave Matthews, Phil Collins, Richard Marx, Jon Secada, Smokey Robinson, Carlos Ponce, Buddy Jewel and More, Join in the Celebration - CD in Stores April 26, 2005 - A Portion of the Proceeds to Benefit the National Father's Initiative

LOS ANGELES – March 15, 2005. Rendezvous Entertainment celebrates family and fatherhood with a unique collection of original material and new interpretations of classic love songs by fathers for their children, performed by an all-star cast of some of the world's most renowned and loved musicians. "We have brought together an amazing array of artists, from pop to folk to gospel to R&B to country, all sharing their unique perspectives on Fatherhood," says Executive Producer, Dave Koz. "Golden Slumbers: A Father's Love" will be in stores April 26, 2005 and released by Rendezvous Entertainment and HUM recordings.

This heartfelt and diverse recording features contributions from such Grammy Award winning and critically acclaimed artists such as Dave Matthews, Phil Collins, Michael McDonald, Smokey Robinson, Jon Secada, Carlos Ponce, Richard Marx, Buddy Jewell, Will Downing, Solomon Burke, Loudon Wainwright III and Kirk Whalum, with special appearances by Dave Koz and James Earl Jones (all dads or uncles). Collectively, the talent featured on this CD have career sales of over 100 million records and, each artist has his own special story behind his song.

Tracks include "Dance With My Father," (by *Nashville Star* winner Buddy Jewel), "You'll Be In My Heart" (Carlos Ponce), "That's My Job" (Richard Marx), "When Scarlett Smiles" (Michael McDonald), "Find Me In Your Dreams" (Jon Secada), "Baby" (Dave Matthews), "You Touch My Heart," (Phil Collins), "You Are So Beautiful" (Smokey Robinson), "Lullaby" (Will Downing), "My Little Man" (Kirk Whalum), "Daughter" (Loudon Wainwright), "Life Is Just A Matter of Time" (Solomon Burke) and "Children" (a spoken word piece by James Earl Jones inspired by the poem, "The Prophet, by Kahil Gibran).

Born from the desire to share the story of their own bond and relationship with their father, Dave and his brother Jeff Koz created this special collection for fathers everywhere. "The artists are showing a side of themselves and a vulnerability that is not there on most of their other recordings," says musician, producer, radio personality and multiple Grammy nominee, Dave Koz. "For example, we all know and love Michael McDonald's voice but, hearing him sing 'When Scarlett Smiles" a song he wrote about his own daughter for this recording brings another level and emotion to the song and his voice, "adds Koz.

"I hope 'A Father's Love' provides parents a moment with their kids that they wouldn't otherwise have" says multiple Grammy winner, Michael McDonald. "I am glad to be part of this project and make some contribution to other parents who are raising their children at this time."

"The album is called 'A Father's Love' and the title, as simple as it is, says it all," says Grammy-nominated, Executive Producer, Jeff Koz (Dave's brother). "I think it's rare in creating music projects that something can resonate with such a deep individual yet universal feeling of what it's like to be a parent and to have the opportunity for these men, who are fathers to share that side of themselves with their fans just feels good on gut, innate level."

The inspiration for the first "Golden Slumbers" recording, which featured instrumental renditions of new and classical lullabies and received a Grammy nomination, came with the birth of Jordan Koz, daughter of keyboardist/guitarist Jeff Koz and niece of saxophonist, Dave Koz. "I feel the success of that first record was due largely to the beauty and universal listening experience, whether you were a father, a mother or a child," admits Dave Koz. "I think we've reached another level on this new project because we've introduced lyrics."

In addition to providing a touching insight to the relationships between these artists and their children, a portion of proceeds from "Golden Slumbers: A Father's Love" will benefit the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), the nation's leading fatherhood organization, whose mission is to improve the well-being of children by increasing the proportion who grow up with involved, responsible and committed fathers. The CD will also be released in conjunction with the NFI's annual "National Golden Dads" campaign sponsored every Father's Day, where celebrity dads reach out into the community and catch other dads doing something special with their children - from going to the zoo, taking a walk or going to the movies. This year the NFI plans to honor 2000 dads. For more information visit the Golden Slumbers website at www.GoldenSlumbers.com.