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**CLEVELAND'S OWN RASPBERRIES TO DONATE MEMORABILIA
TO HARD ROCK'S WORLD FAMOUS COLLECTION**

Orlando, Fla., March 26, 2009 – The “Rock ‘n’ Roll Capital of the World” will be buzzin’ with excitement as Hard Rock Cafe Cleveland hosts a special appearance by Cleveland’s premiere rock band, **Raspberries**. Eric Carmen, Wally Bryson, Dave Smalley and Jim Bonfanti will come together on the Hard Rock stage to donate autographed drum heads used while shooting the DVD *Raspberries Live On Sunset Strip*; a limited edition lithograph of the band signed by each member and tour posters from the band’s reunion tour to Hard Rock’s world famous memorabilia collection, further immortalizing the band’s place in rock history.

Since reuniting in November 2004, Raspberries have played a limited run of shows across the country to tens of thousands of fans, including “Little Steven” Van Zandt, Jon Bon Jovi, Paul Stanley, Max Weinberg and others. The band is currently promoting their special edition 2 CD/DVD set *Raspberries Live On Sunset Strip*, released in July 2007 to rave reviews worldwide. Almost 40 years after their formation, Raspberries continue to entertain loyal fans, making new fans and impressing both peers and critics along the way proving that they are still championed among the most influential bands of the rock era.

In addition, the Cleveland cafe will be offering a limited-edition Rock and Roll Hall of Fame commemorative pin, with proceeds benefiting the organization. This event is part of a series of activities, including a special Raspberries performance, celebrating the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction’s return to Cleveland. For a full schedule of events, please visit www.rockhall.com.

What: Hard Rock Cafe Cleveland Hosts Special Appearance by Raspberries

When: Saturday, April 4, 2009
12:30 p.m. Event begins

Where: Hard Rock Cafe Cleveland
230 West Huron Road
Cleveland, OH
216-830-7625

Admission: Free, All ages welcome

For further information, please visit www.hardrock.com/cleveland.

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About Raspberries

In 1970 Eric Carmen and Jim Bonfanti wanted to form a band that would bring back the glory days of the classic two-and-a-half minute rock songs of the '60's that combined the power of The Who with the melody of The Beatles and The Beach Boys. Along with Wally Bryson and Dave Smalley, the band they formed - Raspberries – not only brought back those glory days but created a legendary and influential sound all their own - "Power Pop," which combined powerful rock guitars with soaring pop harmonies.

Almost 40 years later, Raspberries continue entertaining loyal fans, making new fans and impressing both peers and critics along the way. Artists as diverse and respected as John Lennon, Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, Tom Petty, Jon Bon Jovi and Kiss are among their fans, and they even jammed with Keith Moon! After a three-decade absence from performing, their first reunion concert in November 2004 at Cleveland's House Of Blues sold out in four minutes, and their shows across the country were met with SRO crowds, rave reviews and many celebrity sightings. Fans from England, the Netherlands and Japan flocked to witness their concerts, and more than 35 years after they first hit the charts Raspberries are showing the music world once again why they are still championed as among the most influential bands of the rock era. For more information on the band, please visit www.raspberriesonline.com or www.myspace.com/officialraspberries.

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