

HARDDRIVE ANNOUNCES ITS FALL 2012 TOUR FEATURING TREMONTI

Fourth Annual HardDrive Live Tour kicks off September 20th in Flint, MI

Man The Mighty are Supporting Band - Tickets On Sale Now

AUGUST 21, 2012 -- New York, NY. **United Stations** nationally syndicated radio show **HardDrive** has announced the **2012 HardDrive Live Tour** featuring **Tremonti and Man the Mighty**. The fourth annual tour will begin in Flint, MI on September 20th, and is scheduled to hit thirteen cities across North America. Dates are on sale now. Tremonti with **Charm City Devils** will be doing two warm-up dates, "*The Road to hardDrive*" September 11th in West Greenwich, RI and September 12th at the Highline Ballroom in New York City.

HardDriveRadio host Lou Brutus will be on-hand for some of the dates. A national promotion will be launched on both HardDrive and HardDrive XL in the coming weeks. Local radio affiliates will be giving away tickets, meet and greet passes and chance to win a Mark Tremonti PRS guitar. The HardDrive Live Tour is produced by Mike Childs and Ledge Entertainment in association with HardDriveRadio.

TREMONTI, led by Grammy Award-winning guitarist Mark Tremonti, will be headlining the tour. As a member of Creed and Alter Bridge, Mark Tremonti created some of the most instantly recognizable guitar riffs in rock. With those bands having sold over 40 million records worldwide, Mark is the musician behind massive hits like "My Own Prison", "Higher", and "Isolation"—just to name a few. Guitar World dubbed him "Guitarist of the Year" three consecutive years in a row, and he ranked as the "fourth greatest heavy metal guitarist ever" in Now, Tremonti can be heard on All I Was, his long-awaited solo debut and a collection of songs that reveals another side of Mark Tremonti. Flanked by rhythm guitarist Eric Friedman and drummer Garrett Whitlock, Tremonti engages an incendiary metallic assault that's relentless from the first moment until the last, burning down all expectations in its path. In many ways, Tremonti returned to his roots for All I Was. Growing up on the likes of Pantera and Metallica, heavy metal has always had a very special place in his heart. However, he never had the avenue to truly follow those impulses to the fullest until now. While Alter Bridge frontman Myles Kennedy was on the road with Slash in early 2011, Tremonti hunkered down in his home studio and began assembling what would become his solo debut. And in addition to its musical accomplishments, Tremonti's gone independent once again for All I Was and the record will be available via Fret 12 distribution, the online guitar hub that Tremonti founded with his brother Daniel Tremonti and Tom Stanley in 2008. Further keeping it in the family, his cohort in Creed and Alter Bridge, Brian Marshall, will assume touring bass duties.

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Support artist on *HardDrive Live*, Man The Mighty, is a new hard rock band from the Chicago suburb of Carpentersville, IL. The band was formed in 1999 by lead guitarist Tim Tournier and vocalist Derek Smith, who evolved the band until bassist Tyler Nelson and drummer Matt Harmening completed the ensemble in 2006. Along the way, they were also able to share the stage with some of the best names in rock such as Creed, Alter Bridge, Godsmack, Buckcherry, Sevendust, and Theory of a Deadman. The band completed their first full recording in 2012 entitled *I Am Icarus*, which will include a new version of a track that's been a long-time fan-favorite, "Sick". "Ghosts" will premiere on hardDrive on Labor Day weekend.

Regarding the tour, **Mark Tremonti** said, "I am extremely excited to be playing the first Tremonti tour with HardDrive, and I can't wait for each date!"

HardDrive with Lou Brutus debuted on July 5, 1996. With 125 radio stations broadcasting the show, HardDrive is America's longest running new rock show supporting the careers of hundreds of groups from Korn to Five Finger Death Punch. Multi-platinum metal band Slipknot received some of their first national airplay on the two-hour week-end syndicated show. United Stations acquired the series in 2001, and in 2007 originator / producer Roxy Myzal developed the much longer, five-night-a-week brand extension, HardDrive XL, also featuring Lou Brutus.

United Stations Radio Networks, Inc. ("USRN") is America's leading independently owned and operated radio network. USRN currently produces and distributes dozens of format-specific programs and services accounting for over 5000 affiliations with commercial radio stations across the country. The New York-based company maintains programming, sales and affiliate marketing offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Washington and Nashville. USRN was founded in 1994 by radio pioneers Dick Clark and Nick Verbitsky.

2012 HardDrive Live Itinerary

THE ROAD TO HARDDRIVE LIVE TOUR

Sept 11: West Greenwich, RI @ Rock Junction (with CHARM CITY DEVILS)
Sept 12: New York, NY @ Highline Ballroom (with CHARM CITY DEVILS)

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September

20: Flint, MI @ The Machine Shop

21: Lancaster, PA @ The Chameleon Club

23: Chicago, IL @ House of Blues

25: New Britain, CT @ Club INT

26: West Chester, PA @ The Note

28: Orlando, FL @ The Beacham Theater

29: Atlanta, GA @ Vinyl

30: Birmingham, AL @ Club Zydeco

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October

02: Nashville, TN @ Exit In

03: Kansas City, MO @ The Beaumont Club 05: Shreveport, LA @ The Riverside Warehouse

Additional tour dates also include:

Oct 6: KTBZ's Buzzfest, Woodlands, TX – Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, on sale 8/24 Oct 7: KISSfest 2012, San Antionio, TX – Sunken Gardens Amphitheatre, on sale now

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