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MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER

Christmas

BY CHIP DAVIS

**MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER ANNOUNCES
30th ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS TOUR**

**Best-Selling Christmas Artist of All Time
to Perform in Jacksonville November 15, 2014**

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Chip Davis, founder and creator of Mannheim Steamroller and the industry's largest independent record label, American Gramophone, announced that his annual Christmas concert tour will begin on November 12th and continue through December 28th. Two traveling ensembles will hold 85 performances across the country, including a stop at **Jacksonville's Times-Union Center's Moran Theater on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 8PM.** Tickets go on sale Friday, July 25, 2014 at 10AM through the FSCJ Artist Series, the official presenter of the Jacksonville show.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Christmas Tour and release of Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, an album that revolutionized the Holiday Season music category. It's also the 40th Anniversary of Davis' first album in his Fresh Aire series which pioneered the New Age music category.

"This is a milestone year for Mannheim Steamroller and we thank all of our fans for making our 30/40 celebration possible," said Davis.

Grammy Award® winner Davis will direct and co-produce Tour performances with MagicSpace Entertainment. The show features classic Christmas hits from Mannheim Steamroller and multimedia effects in an intimate setting.

In addition to being a holiday tradition for many families, the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Tour regularly attracts repeat attendance from multi-generational guests and is one of the longest running tours in the music industry.

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Davis plans to release a new album, *Mannheim Steamroller 30/40*, this fall. In celebration of the 30th Anniversary Christmas Tour, tracks will include Christmas fan favorites while selections from Davis' iconic *Fresh Aire* series will celebrate 40 years of ground-breaking sound.

Mannheim Steamroller has sold more than 40 million albums, 28 million in the Christmas genre. With a total of twelve holiday CDs, an average of eight Mannheim Steamroller Christmas albums occupy Billboard's Top Seasonal Chart every year.

Having 19 gold, 8 multi-platinum and 4 platinum-certified records, Davis is among an elite group of artists that include U2, Jay-Z, and The Beach Boys with such certifications.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis is produced by MagicSpace Entertainment. The company is headed by Lee D. Marshall, Joe Marsh, John Ballard, Steve Boulay and Bruce Granath and has been producing and presenting national tours, Broadway shows, concerts and museum exhibits worldwide for over 30 years. Consistently one of the top promoters in North America, MagicSpace Entertainment typically produces and presents more than 250 events in 75 cities per year. They have offices in Park City and Salt Lake City, UT. www.magicspace.net

About Chip Davis and Mannheim Steamroller

From his longtime home in Omaha, Neb., Mannheim Steamroller creator and founder Chip Davis makes innovative music inspired by the sounds of another age. This former teacher and jingle writer founded the music industry's largest independent recording label, American Gramophone, in 1974 when industry executives said Davis' innovative 18th century instrumental rock sound would never sell. In addition to a Grammy Award, Davis is largely credited with establishing the New Age music category that revolutionized the making and marketing of holiday music. His first Christmas album was released in 1984; the album's success made Christmas records a "must do" for all music artists. With more than 40 million total records sold including 28 million Christmas albums, Davis is the #1-selling Christmas artist of all time.

He is also one of the most successful entrepreneurs in the music industry, offering a rich array of lifestyle products on www.mannheimsteamroller.com including hot chocolate, food, apparel and novelty items. His latest achievement is creating a cutting edge psychoacoustic technology that is being used in major medical institutions such as Mayo Clinic and is also being studied by NASA for potential use in space.

Please contact Sarah Roy at saroy@fscj.edu or (904) 442-2933 for show materials for Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis.

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