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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

***I CAN HEAR YOU,***  
**CHRIS PIERCE'S NEW CD, OUT OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Pierce And Shane Alexander Co-Headline Fall**  
**"Brothers From Another Mother" Tour**

**Record Release Showcase Parties Include**  
**Hotel Cafe In Los Angeles On October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Singer/songwriter **Chris Pierce** will be touring the U.S. this fall in support of his new album, ***I Can Hear You***, set for October 11<sup>th</sup> release. He'll be hitting the road with his 1951 Gibson ES-150, a couple harmonicas and longtime friend **Shane Alexander**, another acclaimed Los Angeles-based artist. The two will co-headline the "Brothers From Another Mother" tour, which launches on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Nashville's 12<sup>th</sup> & Porter. The run will include a show at The Living Room in New York City on October 28<sup>th</sup>. **Pierce**, who has opened for such artists as Seal, B.B. King, Al Green, Toots and the Maytals, and Colbie Caillat, will also play a series of Southern California record release showcase parties. The first will be at Hotel Café in Hollywood on October 11<sup>th</sup>. See below for itinerary.

"Pierce, whose work has been compared to that of musical elder tribesmen Van Morrison, Jimmy Cliff, Bill Withers and Otis Redding – engages his audiences with his rich vocals and heartfelt tunes," said LATimes.com, which included **Pierce** on its list of "homegrown artists you ought to know." BuzzBands.la noted: "his tunes...seem to come from a heart so open and honest that, your cynicism safely checked at the door, you believe music possesses mystical healing powers too."

For a limited time, fans can get a free download of the soulful focus track "**Looking for the Spark**," which opens ***I Can Hear You***, at:

<http://buzzbands.la/2011/09/07/ears-wide-open-chris-pierce/>

**Shane Alexander** is an internationally known singer/songwriter/guitarist with four solo albums to his credit including his newest release, *Mono Solo*. Since 2005, in addition to his own headlining tours, **Alexander** has toured with Jewel, Seal, Suzanne Vega, Bon Iver, and most recently, opened for Styx / Yes on their 'Progressive U.S. Tour' in July-August of 2011. **Shane Alexander's** music has been licensed for over 50 television shows and films, including: "Bones," "Criminal Minds," "White Collar," and "One Tree Hill."

"This album is for the strugglers, the invisible people – those who make light out of the darkest of times even when it seems like no one is listening," says **Pierce**.

Co-produced with GRAMMY® award winner Seth Atkins Horan, who has worked on each of **Pierce's** previous releases, most of ***I Can Hear You's*** 10 tracks were captured live on the first take, underscoring the raw emotion of the material. **Pierce** penned five songs himself and four with long-time collaborator Marvin Etzioni. A poignant version of Bill Withers' "**Hope She'll Be Happier**," featuring simply vocals and piano,

completes the collection. *I Can Hear You* follows *Walking on the Earth*, which was named one of the Top 10 albums of July 2008 by Nic Harcourt, formerly of KCRW, and 2009's *Chris Pierce Live at the Hotel Café*.

Although **Chris** developed otosclerosis, a rare hearing disorder that led to the loss of hearing in one ear at age 15, a journey he addresses in "**Thunder or the Rain**," music continued to be his passion. He was awarded the prestigious Ella Fitzgerald scholarship for jazz studies at USC when he was 18. Impressed by his performance at a small Hollywood party, Seal invited him to open on a string of worldwide tours, launching his career to a new level. His music has been heard in the film *Soul Men* and on *Music From and Inspired by Crash* and been licensed by Banana Republic and such shows as "Brothers and Sisters," "Eli Stone," "In Plain Sight" and "Army Wives."

### **Chris Pierce – Upcoming Tour Dates**

#### **Record Release Parties**

10/11	Hollywood, CA	Hotel Café	(w/Shane Alexander)
10/12	Ventura, CA	Zoey's Café	(w/Shane Alexander)
10/15	San Diego, CA	Anthology	(w/Melissa Morgan)
10/16	Hermosa Beach, CA	Saint Rocke	(w/Shane Alexander)

#### **"Brothers From Another Mother" Tour with Shane Alexander**

10/17	Nashville, TN	12 <sup>th</sup> & Porter
10/18	Atlanta, GA	Smith's Olde Bar
10/19	Asheville, NC	Lexington Ave. Brewery
10/20	Louisville, KY	Uncle Slayton's
10/21	Dayton, OH	Wrights
10/22	Cincinnati, OH	House Concert
10/26	Pittsburgh, PA	Club Café
10/28	New York, NY	The Living Room
10/29	Cambridge, MA	T.T. the Bear's Place
11/1	Ogunquit, ME	Jonathan's

**Additional dates to be announced.**

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