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15 Year Memorial Commemorated with New DVD

Life of Slain Seattle Singer Celebrated in New Rock Doc 'The Gits'

"Mia Zapata was on the verge of music stardom." - CBS News

Los Angeles, CA – Liberation Entertainment has acquired all North American rights to the music documentary film, **The Gits**, which chronicles the tragic story of one of the most influential bands to emerge from the Seattle music underground. The project was acquired from JAB Films and Knockout Productions with cooperation from Gold Village Entertainment, and will be distributed on DVD through Adrenaline/ADA on July 8th (with an SRP of \$19.99) following a theatrical release.

With an innovative sound that coupled hardcore punk with heartfelt blues, The Gits were poised to break into the mainstream, but they would never achieve the success of contemporaries Nirvana or Pearl Jam because on July 7, 1993 singer Mia Zapata was found murdered –the apparent victim of a rape/homicide.

It was a crime unsolved when director Kerri O'Kane began shooting her debut feature. In the interim, however, fans, friends and celebrities like Joan Jett and Nirvana helped raise money to reopen what had become a cold case file. Mia's death had reverberated throughout the music community, and unprecedentedly Mia's killer was brought to justice as the cameras rolled.

"**The Gits** is a new motion-picture hybrid," observes Liberation chairman Jay Boberg. "On the surface it's a documentary about a great rock n roll band at an incredible time in music history, but it's also a murder mystery. It's got joy and poignancy -it's just extraordinary."

"There has never been a story like this one, and I am honored to be involved with such a passionate film about one of rock's geniuses who was taken from the world far too soon," adds Gold Village Entertainment President Danny Goldberg.

"It's wonderful that this film, which has been a true labor of love, has found a home with Liberation," comments producer Jessica Bender. "So much has happened since we first started

filming -the trial, the sentencing. And we've come across so many people whose lives have been touched by the music of Mia and The Gits. All this new footage will be on the DVD. "

The Band. The Music. The Legacy. *One tragic night changed it all*. **The Gits**. For the trailer and press materials go to: <u>www.thegitsmovie.com</u> For DVD info go to: <u>www.libentmusic.com</u>

ABOUT LIBERATION ENTERTAINMENT

Based in Los Angeles with a burgeoning office in London, Liberation Entertainment Inc. is a leading independent global distributor of visual content. Launched in 2006 by influential media entrepreneur Jay Boberg, with the financial backing of media and communications private-equity firm Clarity Partners LP, Liberation Entertainment owns the rights to a wide variety of premium audio-visual content, including independent and feature films, classic television, CGI animation, music and lifestyle programming. With unmatched expertise in worldwide television sales and domestic and international DVD distribution, Liberation Entertainment will continue to grow as a compelling force in the global entertainment market. For more information, please visit www.liberationentertainment.com.

ABOUT ADRENALINE

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ABOUT GOLD VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT

Gold Village Entertainment is a music-based artist management company owned and operated by industry veteran Danny Goldberg. Gold Village Entertainment's clients include Steve Earle, The Hives, the Old 97's, Ben Lee, Allison Moorer, Rhett Miller, and Ian Hunter. In late 2007, the company partnered with Ryan Gentles' Wiz Kid Management. The two companies comanage the music career of Vincent Gallo, Har Mar Superstar and The Dead Trees. The company is also the home of Ammal Records, an imprint through New West Records. Most recently, the label has signed the legendary Kinks front man, Ray Davies, and released his second critically acclaimed solo album, Working Man's Café. Previous releases for the young label have been the first new music in 10 years by Buffalo Tom (Three Easy Pieces), a double disc release of demos and rarities by the critically acclaimed Warren Zevon (Preludes: Rare and Unreleased Recordings) and the debut album from his son, Jordan Zevon (Insides Out).

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