

**MUSIC CONNECTION's Business Affairs delivers up-to-date information about the signings of new artists, significant developments at major and indie labels, as well as news of managers and attorneys who are active in the A&R aspect of the music business. So that MC can provide the most current information possible, please send any industry news, buzz or rumors that need to be verified to BBatMC@aol.com.**

and submit material at <http://horusmusic.co.uk>.

**Songsalive! Is featuring talented songwriters from around the globe in a cozy, intimate and acoustic environment where media and music industry representatives often drop by to check out the artists and songs. The showcase is held on the first Sunday of every month at the Cork Lounge in Sherman Oaks, CA. To be considered, log onto <http://songsalive.org/showcases.htm> or <http://songsalive.org>.**

**OPPS**

Musicmetric has released a few new tools for discovering future hit makers, locating fans and automatically analyzing performances. One product, **Musicmetric Explore**, allows users an overview of their market and filters it through genre, location and performance across specific social media channels. Another, **Musicmetric Insights**, automatically analyzes performances across billions of fan interactions to produce at-a-glance graphs and summaries. Check it out at <http://musicmetric.com>.

**U.K. record label Horus Music is looking to initiate relationships with emerging artists for roster consideration as well as distribution deals.** With a catalog of over 5,000 tracks, Horus Music is becoming one of the largest new independent labels around. Artists from their roster include **Burning Brains, Clive Rose, Dan Whitehouse and the Blind Hearts**, among others. You can learn more

**Island Records and Indiegogo have announced an innovative partnership, launching Fan Republic as the first collaboration of its kind between a music label and a crowdfunding platform.** The partnership will provide a new place to discover and support emerging artists worldwide. The arrangement offers rewards for artists who reach or exceed their funding targets. These include deals and discounts negotiated by Island Records on everything from studio rates to video production and van rental. Emerging artists using Fan Republic will also have the chance to connect directly with the Island Records A&R team, who will be evaluating all projects that reach their funding targets. For more information contact Shane. O'Neill@umusic.com, or go to <http://indiegogo.com>.

**Hello Music has unveiled its new Hello Music Marketplace, the simplest way for musicians to sell their gear directly to other musicians online.** The new Marketplace was designed from



**▲ KAPRI'S SIDE EFFECT**

**Kapri, a Polish-born female artist, formed a pop-punk group called Side Effect in Hollywood, CA. Their newest EP *Another Last Goodbye*, co-produced by Marko72 (Sugarcult and Jokull Jonsson of Evening Guests), dropped in February. A release party was held at the infamous Rainbow Bar & Grill, followed by a tri-state tour. With its sassy attitude and raw rock flavor, the record was inspired by a real-life story. The last track, "Ships In A Bottle," is a cover of a Butch Walker tune. Visit <http://artisticard.com/wearesideeffect> or go to <http://facebook.com/wearesideeffect> to find out more about this emerging act.**

member feedback to be easy and transparent for musician buyers and sellers featuring: Free listings for Hello Music members; seven percent commission when sold (if the item is returned for any reason, Hello Music will reverse the commission); flexible selling options for both fixed price (buy it now) or make an offer sales; PayPal gateway for maximum buyer and seller protection. Hello Music's daily e-newsletters (that reach more than 500,000 active musician members) will promote both new Hello Music and used Marketplace products, giving Marketplace users even more visibility for their gear sales. Visit <http://hellomusic.com>.

**partnership with a new long-term deal.** The partnership will herald a range of projects from the band, including a raft of rare and unreleased material and a film. The agreement was announced at the launch of "**Queen: The Studio Experience**," a major new Queen exhibition in Montreux, Switzerland. The new Universal deal, which covers the world outside North America, comes three years after Queen first signed with Universal Music. Visit <http://queenonline.com>.

**Netwerk Music Group has announced the signing of electronic artist Andy Caldwell to its new, full-service electronic music label Nettrax.** "With infectious grooves and fabulous vocalists, Netwerk Music Group is honored to help electronic music fans the world over discover Andy's music," says **Mark Jowett**, VP of International A&R/Publishing at Netwerk. If interested in submitting material for Netwerk's new electronic label (Nettrax), you can send a link to your music to: [nettraxdemos@gmail.com](mailto:nettraxdemos@gmail.com).

**This Is Your Life pays tribute to the late Ronnie James Dio with covers of his greatest songs.** One of the most beloved figures in rock history, Dio's gifts as both a singer and songwriter are instantly recognizable, whether he was with **Rainbow, Black Sabbath, Heaven & Hell**, or leading **Dio**. Sadly, he lost his battle with stomach cancer in 2010 but his legacy lives on. An all-star group of friends and fans recorded 13 of their favorite tracks for a tribute album that will raise funds for the **Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer**



ALAN SHERWOOD

**▲ SOBAK INKS DEAL & DROPS DEBUT**

**Sobak is on a mission... The newly formed classic rock band wants to bring rock back into dominance.** Founded by singer/songwriter Anthony Sobak, the group consists of veteran, pro players who have shared the stage with **Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin**. Recently signed to **Tate Music Group**, the band is currently mixing and mastering its label debut, a 10-song LP titled, **A Little More Time**. The album is scheduled to drop in spring 2014. While waiting for the release, Sobak have been entertaining fans at **Murrieta Rod Run** and benefit concerts. To find out more about this act, go to <http://facebook.com/sobakmusic>.

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**LABELS • RELEASES SIGNINGS**

**Tempting Fate have released their first single and lyrical video "Get Up" for their second album *Illusions*.** The record was mastered by **Iwrestledabearonce's** guitarist **Steven Bradley**, and the band was featured at No. 5 in **Music Junkies' "Bands That Will Rule 2014."** Tempting Fate's first album ***Hate Nation*** created a whole new genre of music called "**Dub-Metal**," and their upcoming album pushes the boundaries again. To learn more about this innovative group, go to <http://temptingfateband.com> or contact [Dustin@DoubleDManagement.com](mailto:Dustin@DoubleDManagement.com).

**Queen and Universal Music Group have renewed their**