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LOCAL AUSTIN BANDS JOIN HOLLYWOOD RECORDS' NEWEST TALENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST MENTAL ILLNESS

*Alpha Rev, Tosca Strings Quartet and others announce holiday benefit concert at
Antone's*

AUSTIN, TX (Wednesday, December 16, 2009) — Lead singer Casey McPherson of Alpha Rev, who recently signed to Hollywood Records, sharing the label with Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers, brings together a group of local musicians to benefit Mental Health America of Texas. *The Rock Solid Holiday Benefit Concert* will be held Friday, December 18, 2009 at Antone's, doors open at 8 p.m. and the show will begin at 9 p.m.

The evening will feature Alpha Rev with the Tosca String Quartet. The show will be opened by The Boxing Lesson and My Education. Special guests include Suzanna Choffel, Lang Freeman of Sounds Under Radio, Patricia Lynn of The Soldier Thread, Phoebe Hunt of the Belleville Outfit, Jeff Plankenhorn, Shane Bartell, Candice Sanders, and many more.

The proceeds from the concert will benefit Mental Health America of Texas. Mental Health America of Texas reaches out to communities across Texas to promote mental health, prevent mental disorders, improve the care and treatment of people with mental illnesses through education and advocacy and eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness.

“We are very excited and honored to have Alpha Rev and the other Austin musicians to participate in this benefit concert for us,” said Lynn Lasky Clark, LMSW, president and CEO of Mental Health America of Texas.

Mental illness affects millions of Texans every year and each year thousands of lives are lost to suicide across the state. Last year Texas saw an increase in the number of suicides.

“After losing my father and brother to suicide, one of my biggest passions has become working to fight mental illness,” said Casey McPherson, lead singer of Alpha Rev. “I think it is important that young people recognize the need to promote mental health and I invite everyone to join us Friday, December 18 for the *Rock Solid Holiday Benefit Concert*.”

Presale tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at www.antoness.net. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20.

Antone's Nightclub is located at 213 West 5th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

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