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HOT NEW COUNTRY-CD RELEASE!

TWO GREAT ALBUMS - ONE GREAT AMERICAN BAND

*THE FRONT PORCH COUNTRY BAND RELEASES ITS LONG-AWAITED
FULL-LENGTH ALBUM ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
THE METEOR SHOCKWAVE THAT STARTED IT ALL*

Williamsport, PA – One year ago this week, millions of Americans saw and heard the fiery 30-ton meteor as it streaked across the daytime skies of the northeastern United States. On 23 July 2001, from Canada to Virginia, stunned eyewitnesses were amazed to witness the brilliant fireball blazing through the heavens around 6:15 p.m. EDT, accompanied by a loud series of sonic booms. The meteor exploded in a remote field in Lycoming County, in rural northern Pennsylvania.

For many, the incident would soon be forgotten. But the cosmic event has shaken up the lives of six musicians for the past twelve months – and it shows no signs of stopping.

The story is true. One year ago this week, a rock dropped out of the sky and *The Front Porch Country Band* was born. And like the meteor that exploded in that Pennsylvania wheat field last summer, nobody saw it coming – yet millions heard it when it hit. These musicians were on the porch of their rural studios, taking a recording break as the meteor shot past. Shocked by what they witnessed, the songwriters immediately sat down and penned “*Hot Rock Came To The Country.*” Just 72 hours later the first release from *The Front Porch Country Band* was receiving enthusiastic airplay. The band had a regional hit on their hands.

Soon came requests for live appearances. As the band began rehearsals, they also went to work on a full-length album of original music.

And then tragedy struck. On September 11, like millions of their fellow countrymen, these band members felt the utter anguish of the terrorist strikes against America. In response, their scheduled rehearsal a few days later turned instead into a 36-hour recording marathon of original new music, their chance to pay tribute to America's fallen heroes. Released on September 18, 2001, exactly one week after the attacks, *AMERICA STANDING TALL-THE AMERICAN TRILOGY* began receiving airplay – regionally at first, then spreading into markets stretching from New York to Hawaii.

The recording would lead to live concerts and standing ovations, their sustained week-long ride atop MP3.com's U.S. Charts category at #1, and their world-wide simulcast: *AMERICA STANDING TALL: THE UNITED WAY CONCERTS FOR AMERICA*. Audiences were moved. The effort generated thousands of dollars for American charities. "We simply want to help," said lead singer Alison Rupert, speaking on behalf of the band.

Now one year later comes the release of their long-awaited full-length album: *Somebody Tonight*. Featuring 14 new songs of "Original American Country," this album showcases the band's remarkable musical range and energy, and it's certain to delight their ever-growing roster of country music fans.

The new album is available beginning today in northeastern U.S. music stores, including Rockstation (Williamsport) and Gallery of Sound (11 Pennsylvania locations).

For more information on *The Front Porch Country Band*, their songs and their story, visit the band's official web site at www.frontporchcountryband.com.

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WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE 'HOT ROCK' HIT?

*On the anniversary of the cosmic event that brought them together last summer, **The Front Porch Country Band** has released their long-awaited full-length debut album, **Somebody Tonight**. These 14 new songs showcase the band's formidable talents and wide-ranging country music styles. Featuring 3 different lead singers, 3 different drummers, with everyone flying on guitars and keyboards, the band moves effortlessly from hot-rockin' country on songs like "Dream Of Her Tonight" and "Crazy" to tender love ballads like "Let Me Down Easy," and the title track, "Somebody Tonight." The album includes their popular hit single "Hot Rock Came To The Country." Shown are band members Johnny Jolin, Richard Rupert, Alison Rupert, Joseph Paul, Rick Buck and Kim Reichley.*