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THE FRONT PORCH COUNTRY BAND FOLLOWS FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH TO CHINA

**SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY BAND ACCEPTS EXCLUSIVE
INVITATION FROM THE US-CHINA FOUNDATION**

BEIJING – Just two weeks to the day after performing at an event attended by President Bush, *The Front Porch Country Band* will be flown to China by the same organization that recently received his father.

The US-China Foundation announced today The Front Porch Country Band will tour China next month as featured performers on an international good-will concert tour.

The US-China Foundation in Beijing today announced it has officially invited *The Front Porch Country Band* to tour The People's Republic of China. The band accepted the invitation.

The invitation comes in the wake of the band's performance for state officials from across Pennsylvania who were then addressed by President Bush. The president capped the event with a speech from the very same stage in Hershey, Pa. the following day, to steady applause from his audience.

The band will perform for tens of thousands in China's largest cities.

The Susquehanna Valley band hopes for similar applause in its extended multi-city concert tour of the world's largest nation. They will depart from JFK International on May 2 and arrive in Beijing the following day to tour China as featured headline performers. They return on May 17.

"It's really an honor to be invited to represent American country music to the Chinese people," said Johnny Jolin, lead singer for the band. "Because our music and cultures are so different, its an important step in our relationship as countries."

With over one million song plays throughout 2003, The Front Porch Country Band became the most listened-to country recording artists in the world on the world's largest internet music subscriber system.

The Front Porch Country Band has become a rising phenomenon in the international world of American country music. With over one million on-line song plays, they became the most listened-to country recording artists in the world on the world's largest internet music subscriber system last year.

The band's original American country songs ruled the **WORLDWIDE TOP 40 COUNTRY CHARTS** on global internet giant MP3.com, scoring twelve Worldwide Number One originals. One-third of the their online listens came from Europe and Asia.

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The Front Porch Country Band launched its first national tour – “*America Standing Tall, The Rolling Concerts For America*,” in 2002, during which they consistently perform to standing ovations.

In China, the band will perform their popular original songs from two new albums, “*Somebody Tonight*” and “*America Standing Tall: The American Trilogy*,” the band’s tribute to America’s fallen heroes of September 11 – written, recorded and released one week following the terrorist attacks on America in 2001.

Arrangements for their China tour concluded today following weeks of discussions between *The US-China Foundation* and *USAGENCY*, the band’s U.S. record company. The U.S. State Department has approved the tour.

The United States and China Foundation is a non-profit organization which recently handled arrangements for former President George H. W. Bush to visit China. Its purpose is to facilitate exchange between America and China in such areas as politics, economics, finance, law, education, culture, media, science and technology. The foundation was established in the United States in 1992.

The six-member Pennsylvania band is being hailed as one of “American country’s hottest new guitar bands,” renowned for their versatility, musicianship and mastery of multiple instruments. The band’s musical style has been compared in the press to “...*the sounds of John Michael Montgomery*...”

All six band members make their homes in the rolling green valleys of Pennsylvania’s Susquehanna River region, in the remote center of the state. The band will be led by founding members by Johnny Jolin, on lead vocals and guitar (Hughesville) and Kim Reichley, on lead vocals and bass (Lewisburg).

The band was scheduled to tour China one year ago, when the worldwide outbreak of SARS forced them to change their plans. “We are delighted to reschedule our arrangements, and to bring the original country music of America and *The Front Porch Country Band* to the people of China,” said Johnny Jolin.

For more information, readers may visit the band’s official worldwide website: <http://www.frontporchcountryband.com>.

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Through the internet, the band has developed fans in over 150 countries...a third are listening from Europe and Asia.

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