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THE FRONT PORCH COUNTRY BAND ROCKETS TO NUMBER ONE IN THE WORLD WITH ONE MILLION ONLINE SONG PLAYS

NASHVILLE — *They're Number One in the world* on the world's largest internet music subscriber system.

With over a million song plays since summer 2002, THE FRONT PORCH COUNTRY BAND has dominated the worldwide country music charts on MP3.com for more than a year. That's more than Kenny Rogers. More than Dolly Parton or Willie Nelson. In fact, it's more than any other country recording artist in the world in the last 15 months.

"When you're bigger than Dolly Parton — you're BIG!" laughed guitarist and drummer Rick Buck, speaking for the entire band.

The Front Porch Country Band has become a rising phenomenon in the international world of American country music. Over the last 15 months they've seen a dozen of their original songs climb to Number One in world-wide chart rankings on the giant internet website MP3.com — with 40 million subscribers, the world's largest internet music site.

With over 1.6 million songs competing for chart positions everyday in overnight rankings, MP3.com has long been recognized as the world's largest online music community. Nearly one-third of the band's online fans are listening from Europe and Asia (*please see attached charts*). MP3.com recently announced it is under new ownership and will shut down on 2 December 2003 (*see related Business Wire news story*):

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20031124005461&newsLang=en



With over a million song plays since summer 2002, THE FRONT PORCH COUNTRY BAND has dominated the worldwide country music charts on MP3.com for over a year.

MP3.com is the world's largest online music community, with over 1.6 million songs from over 250,000 recording artists competing daily for overnight chart position.

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Somebody Tonight,
the title track from the
band's newest album became the
#1 Country Song in the world
for weeks on MP3.com

A dozen of the band's original
songs have attained Number
One Worldwide Chart
Rankings on
MP3.com.

The band's original songs
received more than 1,000,000
song plays since summer of 2002
on MP3.com - more than
any other country
recording artist
in the world.

The six-member Pennsylvania band has been called "*American country's hottest new guitar band.*" They're renowned for their versatility and musicianship. The band features 3 different lead singers, 3 drummers, 3 lead guitarists and 3 keyboardists. "Sometimes our biggest challenge is just deciding who's playing what when we're developing a new song," says Buck, who performs on both guitar and drums on many of the band's Number One worldwide hits.

Although they've informally played together for years, the six musician appeared together live onstage for the first time as *The Front Porch Country Band* on Father's Day, 2002 at Williamsport's Scottish Rite Auditorium. The concert marked the release of their debut *14-track album "Somebody Tonight,"* featuring all original songs.

Their historic chart rise began almost immediately, with *twelve songs ultimately climbing all the way to Number One worldwide* on the MP3.com charts. *Nine songs have simultaneously held Top-40* chart position on the main worldwide country charts on the internet site. A third of their fans are listening from Europe and Asia - more than a quarter million song plays:

- THE NUMBER ONE "COUNTRY SONG" IN THE WORLD – 5 WEEKS
"Somebody Tonight" – album title track
- NUMBER ONE "NEW COUNTRY SONG" IN THE WORLD – 6 WEEKS
"Crazy" – from the album "Somebody Tonight"
- NUMBER ONE "LOVE SONG" IN THE WORLD – 39 WEEKS
"Solomon Wind" – from the album "Somebody Tonight"
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – "TRADITIONAL COUNTRY" – 24 WEEKS
"Dream Of Her Tonight" – from the album "Somebody Tonight"
- NUMBER ONE "FOLK SONG" IN THE WORLD – 39 WEEKS
"Solomon Wind" – from the album "Somebody Tonight"
- NUMBER ONE "CHRISTMAS SONG" IN THE WORLD – 44 WEEKS
"Christmas Once Upon A Time" – from "Somebody Tonight"
- THE NUMBER ONE "COUNTRY SONG" IN THE WORLD – 5 WEEKS
"Somebody Tonight" – Album Title Track
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – "COUNTRY GENERAL" – 12 WEEKS
"Time For Movin' On" – from the album "Somebody Tonight"
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – "COUNTRY BLUES" – 54 WEEKS
"Somebody Tonight" – album title track

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- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – “US CHARTS” – 5 WEEKS
“America Standing Tall” – from *“The American Trilogy”*
- NUMBER ONE “ROCKABILLY SONG” IN THE WORLD – 44 WEEKS
“Hot Rock Came To The Country” – from *“Somebody Tonight”*
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – “COUNTRY GENERAL” – 1 WEEK
“I Don’t Care” – from the album *“Somebody Tonight”*
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – “TRADITIONAL GENERAL” – 1 WEEK
“More Than You Could Know” – from *“Somebody Tonight”*
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – “SOFT ROCK SONG” – 2 WEEKS
“Echoes Of Your Love” – from *“The American Trilogy”*

All six band members are singer-songwriters who reside in the rolling green valleys of Pennsylvania’s Susquehanna River region in the center of the state:

Rick Buck – Acoustic & Electric Guitars & Drums
Johnny Jolin - Guitars & Lead Vocals
Joseph Paul Hauserman - Keyboards & Drums
Kim Reichley - Bass & Lead Vocals
Alison Rupert - Guitars, Keyboards & Lead Vocals
Richard Rupert – Acoustic & Electric Guitars & Drums

The band’s musical style has been compared in the press to “...*the sounds of John Michael Montgomery...*” Individually, the players have opened for such top stars as Billy Ray Cyrus, Hank Williams III, Pam Tillis, Ernest Tubb, Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Reba McEntire, George Jones, Diamond Rio, Lionel Cartwright, and many others.

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

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