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Since last summer, *The Front Porch Country Band* has received more online plays than Shania Twain, Willie Nelson, Tanya Tucker, Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton **COMBINED** on MP3.com

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.

FRONT PORCH COUNTRY BAND RESCHEDULES CHINA TOUR DUE TO WORLDWIDE "SARS" OUTBREAK

BAND NOTIFIES US-CHINA FOUNDATION THAT CONCERT TOUR THROUGH CHINA WILL BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO WORLD HEALTH ADVISORIES

Williamsport, PA — Just 48 hours after The Rolling Stones cancelled their first-ever tour of mainland China due to worldwide health concerns about Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), the Susquehanna Valley's Front Porch Country Band has announced it will reschedule its concert tour of China slated for later this month.

"We regret that we will not be performing for the people of China at this time," said Alison Rupert in making the official statement for the band. "We've been preparing for this tour for months. We look forward to setting a new date."

The band was set to tour for two weeks as headliners and official guests of The US-CHINA Foundation on their all-expenses paid tour of mainland China through China's major cities. The band has been scheduled since early this year to perform in sold-out stadiums and arenas throughout China during April and May.

The band shot to worldwide prominence following their debut concert in Williamsport last summer. Since then, they've become the most listened to country recording artists in the world on the world's largest internet music community, MP3.com.

Just last week, the band was advised regarding warnings from US State De-

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

More than a dozen of the band's original songs have attained Number One Worldwide Chart Positions in their song categories on MP3.com.

The band's original songs received more than 500,000 song plays since last summer on MP3.com - more than any other country recording artist in the world.

partment against travel to Southeast Asia due to health concerns about SARS. Since then, the band has also received similar health warnings issued by the U.S. Centers For Disease Control in Atlanta and The World Health Organization.

For the six-month period ending March 31st, the recently-formed Pennsylvania band received more worldwide plays than country legends Shania Twain, Willie Nelson, Tanya Tucker, Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton combined on MP3.com.

MP3.com is the world's largest online music community, with 1.6 million songs by more than 250,000 recording artists competing daily for chart position in overnight rankings on the San-Diego based internet giant.

The band was virtually unknown prior to their world premier concert this past June. Since then, due to international exposure and popularity of their new music via the internet, their songs have steadily climbed the worldwide charts.

The band's original songs have enjoyed enormous worldwide popularity with music fans. Their original songs have received over half a million plays since last summer on MP3.com – more than any other country recording artist in the world. The band also has charted over a dozen *Number One* songs during that period on MP3.com:

- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*Love Songs*” Charts)
“*Day After Day*” from their new “*Somebody Tonight*” album
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*Country Blues*” Charts)
“*Somebody Tonight*” title track from “*Somebody Tonight*” album
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*Country General*” Charts)
“*Time For Movin’ On*” from “*Somebody Tonight*” album
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*Traditional Country*” Charts)
“*Dream Of Her Tonight*” from “*Somebody Tonight*” album
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*Folk*” Charts)
“*Solomon Wind*” from “*Somebody Tonight*” album

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- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*Christmas*” Charts)
“*Christmas Once Upon A Time*” from “*Somebody Tonight*” album
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*Rockabilly*” Charts)
“*Hot Rock Came To The Country*” from “*Somebody Tonight*” album
- NUMBER ONE WORLDWIDE – (“*U.S. Charts*”)
“*America’s Pledge*” from “*America Standing Tall*” album - online

All six singer-songwriters reside in the rolling green valleys of the secluded Susquehanna River region of central Pennsylvania:



The band’s China tour has been scheduled for months as part of their America Standing Tall tour from their album, “The American Trilogy.”

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

For more information: <http://www.frontporchcountryband.com>.

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