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The Independent Singer-Songwriter Association (ISSA) Presents The ISSA Songwriting Contest

San Diego, California - The Independent Singer-Songwriter Association (ISSA) presents The ISSA Songwriting Contest, an international competition that supports the disciplines of songwriting, musicianship and performance. The contest is open to independent singer-songwriters, both amateur and professional, and debuted on Friday March 1st, 2008 online at www.issa-music.org.

Independent songwriters can enter their songs into 15 different music categories. The songs will be judged by a panel of music professionals who are knowledgeable in songwriting, the music business and today's musical trends. They are songwriters, musicians, music business veterans, music buyers and fans. Judges include Anne Catalino, two-time Grammy award-winning sound engineer, Josquin De Pres, award-winning songwriter and producer, and Shyla Marie, award-winning songwriter and vocal instructor.

The winner of the Singer Songwriter of the Year award will receive a \$1000 cash award courtesy of ISSA, and perform their song at the 2009 Singer Songwriters Expo and 2009 Fashion Avenue Expo, courtesy of Nibbay Events and Media.

The winners of the Best New Singer Songwriter and Song of the Year awards will receive a \$500 cash award courtesy of ISSA, and perform their song at the 2009 Singer Songwriters Expo and 2009 Fashion Avenue Expo, courtesy of Nibbay Events and Media.

First place winners in all categories will receive an official award certificate from ISSA, their name announced in the official contest press release, and the opportunity to perform at an event or trade show in Southern California courtesy of Nibbay Events and Media.

“ISSA’s main objectives are to give the independent singer-songwriter the opportunity to have their music heard and help them to establish a fan base. We are excited to present an opportunity for indie songwriters to be heard,” said Shyla Marie, President of ISSA.