



The Beatles™: Rock Band™ Makes Worldwide Debut Tomorrow

First-of-its-kind Music Video Game Capturing The Beatles' Extraordinary Music, Career and Legacy Available 9/9/09 in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Other Territories

NEW YORK, Sept 08, 2009 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Apple Corps, Ltd., MTV Games and Harmonix, the world's leading developer of music-based games and a part of Viacom's MTV Networks (NYSE: VIA, VIA.B), today announced [The Beatles™: Rock Band™](#) will be available tomorrow in North America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and other territories. Released simultaneously with the digitally re-mastered Beatles CD catalogue, the music-based video game will offer players an unprecedented, experiential progression through the music and artistry of The Beatles and be available for Xbox 360(R) video game and entertainment system from Microsoft, PLAYSTATION(R)3 computer entertainment system and Wii™ console from Nintendo.

From the early touring days in 1963 Liverpool to the immortal, final performance on the Apple Corps rooftop, fans can follow in The Fab Four's footsteps as they traverse the globe during the height of Beatlemania, unlocking real photos and videos of The Beatles - some never before seen by the public. Beatles fans will also be thrilled to hear previously unreleased authentic voice recordings from John, Paul, George and Ringo chatting between takes during studio sessions recorded at Abbey Road more than four decades ago.

The Beatles: Rock Band allows fans to pick up the guitar, bass, mic or drums and experience The Beatles' extraordinary catalogue of music through gameplay that takes players on a journey through the legacy and evolution of the band's legendary career. Additionally, for the first time in a music videogame, The Beatles: Rock Band introduces three-part vocal harmonies to gameplay, allowing gamers to revel in the unparalleled vocal stylings of The Beatles.

The Beatles: Rock Band features 45 songs on-disc representing a cross-section of hits and favorites that span The Beatles' storied career. Additional music from The Beatles' epic catalogue will be made available for purchase and download through The Beatles: Rock Band Music Store. Abbey Road will be released on October 20, 2009, followed by the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band in November and Rubber Soul in December.

The 45 songs included in The Beatles: Rock Band and the venues in which they are featured in are:

Cavern Club (1963):

- Twist And Shout
- Boys
- Do You Want To Know A Secret
- I Saw Her Standing There

Ed Sullivan Theater (1964):

- I Want To Hold Your Hand
- Can't Buy Me Love
- A Hard Day's Night
- I Wanna Be Your Man

Shea Stadium (1965):

- Ticket to Ride
- I'm Looking Through You
- Eight Days A Week

- If I Needed Someone
- I Feel Fine

Budokan (1966):

- Day Tripper
- And Your Bird Can Sing
- Drive My Car
- Taxman
- Paperback Writer

Abbey Road (1966-1967):

- Yellow Submarine
- Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band / With A Little Help From My Friends
- Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds
- Getting Better
- Within You Without You / Tomorrow Never Knows
- Good Morning Good Morning

Abbey Road (1967-1968):

- I Am The Walrus
- Hello Goodbye
- Hey Bulldog
- Back In The U.S.S.R.
- Dear Prudence
- While My Guitar Gently Weeps

Abbey Road (1968-1969):

- Helter Skelter
- Revolution
- Birthday
- Octopus's Garden
- Something
- Come Together
- Here Comes The Sun

Rooftop Concert (1969):

- Dig a Pony
- I've Got A Feeling
- Don't Let Me Down
- I Me Mine
- I Want You (She's So Heavy)
- Get Back

Encore:

The End

As previously announced, "All You Need Is Love" will be released tomorrow, September 9, 2009, exclusively through Xbox LIVE for a limited time as a downloadable track for The Beatles: Rock Band. All Apple Corps Ltd, MTV Games, Harmonix and Microsoft proceeds will benefit Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF).

The Beatles: Rock Band will offer a new set of hardware replicas representing the instruments made famous by John, Paul, George and Ringo. Featured in the set are the Rickenbacker 325 and Gretsch Duo Jet guitars -- hailed as two of the celebrated, signature instruments played by John Lennon and George Harrison throughout their careers. Also available is a Hofner bass controller a large-scale replica of the bass famously used by Sir Paul McCartney. Rounding out the set is a Ringo

Starr inspired Ludwig-branded Rock Band 2 drum set with a classic pearl finish and vintage replica Beatles kick drum head.

Pricing for The Beatles: Rock Band is as follows:

- Limited Edition Premium Bundle for Xbox 360/PS3/Wii: US MSRP \$249.99, continental Europe MSRP euro 199.00, UK MSRP 179.00 pounds Sterling
- Includes: The Beatles: Rock Band software, Hofner Bass controller: Large scale replica of the Bass famously used by Sir Paul McCartney, Beatles-inspired and Ludwig-branded Rock Band 2 drums with classic pearl finish and vintage replica Beatles kick drum head, Microphone, Microphone Stand, additional special content
- Rickenbacker 325 Standalone Guitar for Xbox 360/PS3/Wii: US MSRP \$99.99, continental Europe MSRP euro 99.99, UK MSRP 89.99 pounds
- Gretsch Duo Jet Standalone Guitar for Xbox 360/PS3/Wii: US MSRP \$99.99, continental Europe MSRP euro 99.99, UK MSRP 89.99 pounds
- The Beatles: Rock Band Software for Xbox 360/PS3: US MSRP \$59.99, continental Europe MSRP euro 69.99, UK MSRP 49.99 pounds
- The Beatles: Rock Band Software for Wii: US MSRP \$59.99, continental Europe MSRP euro 49.99, UK MSRP 39.99 pounds

The game will also be compatible with all Rock Band™ instrument controllers, as well as most Guitar Hero(R) and other authorized third party music video game peripherals and microphones.

The Beatles: Rock Band marks the first time that Apple Corps, along with EMI Music, Sony/ATV Music Publishing, Harrisongs Ltd and Startling Music Ltd has presented The Beatles music in an interactive video game format. The Beatles: Rock Band is published by MTV Games and developed by Harmonix, the world's premier music video game company and creators of the best-selling Rock Band. Electronic Arts Inc. (Nasdaq: ERTS) is serving as distribution partner for the game. In addition, Giles Martin, co-producer of The Beatles innovative LOVE album project, provided his expertise and served as Music Producer for this groundbreaking Beatles project.

The Beatles: Rock Band is rated "T" for Teen with the descriptors "Mild Lyrics" and "Tobacco Reference" by the ESRB.

For more information on The Beatles: Rock Band, as well as art and video assets, please visit <http://www.thebeatlesrockband.com/press>.

To access b-roll footage, including:

- Re-mastered Beatles albums art elements; mini-documentary clips (14 stereo CDs / Stereo box set / Mono box set)
- SOT from Giles Martin, Music Supervisor, The Beatles: Rock Band and son of Sir George Martin (Beatles Producer) on The Beatles: Rock Band experience
- SOT from Alex Rigopulos CEO And Co-Founder of MTV's Harmonix Music Systems on expanding the music video game audience and meaning of The Beatles: Rock Band
- Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr footage
- The Beatles: Rock Band 30-second commercial
- The Beatles: Rock Band gameplay footage ("I Saw Her Standing There," "I Want To Hold Your Hand," "Back In The U.S.S.R.")
- The Beatles: Rock Band demo performance ("I Feel Fine")

North American Satellite Coordinates

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Time: 10:00 - 10:30 AM Eastern
1:00 - 1:30 PM Eastern

Galaxy 3C (C-band), Trp. 04

D/L Freq 3780MHz V

Analog 36MHz Audio 6.2/6.8

European Satellite Coordinates:

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Time: 9:00 - 9:30GMT

12:00 - 12:30GMT

Int'l Space: W2A/F5/Ch E 9-MHz/KU-Band

D/L Freq: 12712.830 H

FEC: 3/4

SR: 6.1113

Modulation: DVB-S QPSK

MPEG: 4:2:0

Video Standard: PAL

Audio: 2 Ch's

FTP Details

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Time: 5:00 AM EASTERN

URL: <http://www.celebrityfootage.com/download.asp?f=TheBeatlesRockBand.mov>

About Apple Corps. Ltd.

Apple Corps Ltd. was founded by The Beatles in 1968 to look after the group's own affairs. The London-based company has administered the catalogue of The Beatles releases of the 1960s that have sold to date more than 600 million records, tapes and CDs. Since the 1990s, Apple has piloted new Beatles projects that have become benchmarks for pioneering accomplishment and which have included The Beatles Anthology projects, the 28-million selling album The Beatles 1 and The Beatles LOVE show and CD. Further information on The Beatles' projects can be found at www.thebeatles.com.

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About Harmonix Music Systems, Inc.

Harmonix Music Systems, Inc., based in Cambridge, MA, and established in 1995, is the leading developer of ground-breaking music-oriented videogames. Harmonix was founded by Alex Rigopulos and Eran Egozy, who formed the company to invent new ways for non-musicians to experience the unique joy that comes from making music and have pioneered music and rhythm gaming in the US. For more information please visit: www.harmonixmusic.com.

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