

3 May 2006 13:00 GMT **Multi-Platinum Recording Artist Raz B of B2K and Julian Pavone, The World's Youngest Drummer, Together Will Celebrate Their CD Release Parties in Cleveland, OH**



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CLEVELAND, May 3 /PRNewswire/ -- At the age of 20 months, Julian Pavone shook the world with his talent as a drummer. He appeared on several national and network television shows, including "Good Morning America," "Inside Edition," MSNBC, and many other programs. He has also received accolades in newspaper articles throughout the country and from as far away as Italy, China and Brazil.

Now, having reached the ripe age of 23 months, with pacifier snug in his mouth, Julian Pavone will release his first CD, "Go Baby!" Julian cut two instrumentals, "Go Baby!" and "Annalisa," with legendary bassist Ralphie Armstrong. The CD also features two other songs, the family inspired piece, "Hambone Uncle Charlie," and "Old Soul," performed by Enzo P.

"I thought Old Soul was appropriate for this CD because I swear this kid is the reincarnation of drummers like Buddy Rich or Tony Williams, with whom I've played," said Armstrong. "It frightens me he is so good. When we look at each other, we communicate about the music. And he has phrasing, mathematical phrasing. It seems the harder the arrangements, the better he plays. This kid's a musical genius."

William Winfield III, who is the coordinator of the Cleveland Cavaliers Drumline and the founder of the United Drumline (of which Julian is by 16 years the youngest member), said:

"Julian is amazing with his syncopation, timing and rudiments. He is able to follow me in different patterns. He is also outstanding with his drum rolls."

Winfield observed Julian in the studio and plays percussion on two of the CD tracks that Julian does not play on.

While many in the entertainment industry strive for the elusive "hyphen," De'Mario "Raz" Thornton has achieved it, effortlessly wearing the creative hats of artist, songwriter and producer. And the talented young artist shows no sign of slowing down. Raz, whose name means "revealer of secrets," is on a mission to use his artistic gifts to help bridge cultures through entertainment and create music that speaks from the soul.

A 20-year-old Los Angeles native, Raz is a founding member of the popular teen R&B/Pop group B2K. The triumphant 2002 release of the group's album, Pandemonium, and an accompanying tour capped a phenomenal year for Raz that concluded with the successful release of B2K's first feature film, You Got Served. With the band's future on hold, Raz is poised to continue his quest of expanding on an already impressive career in the music industry.

He is currently working on his solo debut album, Raz: Revealer of Secrets, along with an upcoming DVD titled, The Prince & The Wiseman presents, "Life after B2K." With a new Universal inspirational sound, this will help bridge cultures through entertainment and create music that speaks from the soul. One of his next projects is the release of a compilation record project that will convey positive messages and in Raz's words, "bring families together."

In addition to national news/talk shows and international newspaper coverage, hometown television news stations have reported on Julian. He has played on numerous radio stations throughout the country and at a Cleveland Cavaliers basketball game. He has also played at a VIP party for the Chicago Cubs during their season home opener.

Now these two musical geniuses will be in Cleveland, OH at the House of Blues, 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 and Swingos, 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 7 where Julian will be performing live. While there will be a host of events going on, both Raz B and Julian will be at the Drumline and Dance Audition that will be held on Friday, May 5, 2006 at the MLK Civic Center, 14801 Shaw Ave from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The winners of the Audition will receive the opportunity to perform live with Raz B and Julian.

Julian's CD, "Go Baby!" is available and can be purchased by visiting Julian's website, <http://www.littledrummerbaby.com>.

More information about Raz B is available on his website, <http://www.razme.com>, which also tells the many accomplishments of the MULTI-PLATINUM RECORDING ARTIST.

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