DATE:

FROM: MARCEE RONDAN/KRISTINE ASHTON

STREET SCENE 2006: CALIFORNIA'S PREMIER URBAN FESTIVAL SET FOR AUGUST 4 & 5;

TOOL AND KANYE WEST TOP LIST OF ECLECTIC ACTS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM;

TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, MAY 22

Picture a concert with today's greatest musical talents...a carnival...a celebration of culture...this is **STREET SCENE 2006**.

Headliners Tool and Kanye West top the list of the more than 45 internationally acclaimed performers who are confirmed for this year's two-day event. The 22nd annual STREET SCENE is set for Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5 and will take place in a massive 2.5 million square foot area outside Qualcomm Stadium adjacent to downtown San Diego.

Performing on the six stages, this year's line-up is a mix of Alternative and Indie to Hip Hop and Reggae artists: Tool, Kanye West, AFI, Social Distortion, Snoop Dogg, Modest Mouse, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Queens of the Stone Age, Wu Tang Clan, My Chemical Romance, Sean Paul, Bloc Party, Bad Religion, Yellowcard, Tricky, She Wants Revenge, Steel Pulse, G Love & Special Sauce, Slightly Stoopid, The Subways, The Editors, The Futureheads, Donavon Frankenreiter, Rock Kills Kid, Matchbook Romance, Bedouin Soundclash, Tapes 'n Tapes, West Indian Girl, Thomas Mapfumo & The Blacks Unlimited, Cheb I Sabbah & The 1002 Nights, What Made Milwaukee Famous, Margot and the Nuclear So and So's, Dirty On Purpose, The Colour, The Shys, Mutaytor, Particle, Yard Dogs, Drag Show, Lydia, Lupe Fiasco, Ska Cubano and others TBA.

Doors open at 3:00 PM, with music getting underway at 4:00 PM and continuing until 12 midnight on both days. The multi-stage event will feature top-of-the line sound and lighting to ensure an incredible music experience for all.

But as previous STREET SCENE attendees know--it's about more than just the music here. Aside from the longtime partnership with "Southwest Airlines Taste of San Diego" featuring some of the best food from San Diego's top restaurants, this year's STREET SCENE is also shaping up to be a virtual feast for the ears and eyes. Concert-goers will also enjoy Mutaytor: a phenomenal, cutting-edge circus act with fire dancers, tribal drums, aerial acrobatics, stunning visual and audio effects; The Yard Dogs Road Show, a critically acclaimed vaudeville/burlesque act; The Dragon House Drag Show; a drum

circle; carnival rides; interactive art installations; and arts and craft vendor booths from throughout southern California.

While a special pre-sale of two-day tickets has already sold out (via an email outreach to longtime festival supporters), fans can purchase two day passes beginning Monday, May 22 at noon via the website (www.street-scene.com) or by phone at 877-840-0457. A limited number of weekend passes will be available for \$115; once the initial allotment of weekend passes has sold out, the price will increase to \$125 and finally \$135. Single day tickets will go on sale in July. Onsite parking passes will also be available for \$15 per day.

Additionally, "Street Scene VIP Ultra Lounge" packages are available for \$700. The two-person (21 and over), two-day package includes: two weekend tickets; a hosted beer & wine bar plus exclusive VIP cocktail specials; delicious catered dinner; VIP parking; a private, no-hassle entrance; seating with live video feeds on plasmas from all key stages; private VIP restrooms; and various other surprises.

STREET SCENE was launched in 1984 with two versions of the event (one in May, the other in August). Originally set in a one block area of downtown San Diego (on 5th Avenue between J & K Streets), the event's first-year performers included Los Lobos and The Blasters in May, and X, Robert Cray, and the Neville Brothers in August. By 1987, Street Scene had become a once-a-year occurrence. The Gaslamp location was utilized for 19 years. In 2004, while celebrating its 20th Anniversary, the annual event moved to a venue adjacent to Petco Park. This enabled festival organizers to allow people to move more freely between the festival's performance areas while remaining in an

easily accessible central San Diego location. The move to the Qualcomm Stadium location in 2005 allowed for an even more expanded area. Throughout the festival's 20-year history, fans have come to expect a mix of some of the top names in music.

For up-to-the-minute updates, hotel information, transportation, parking and other facts, please visit www.street-scene.com.

###