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MANRAZE – FEATURING PHIL COLLEN (DEF LEPPARD) PAUL COOK (THE SEX PISTOLS) & SIMON LAFFY (GIRL) SET TO RELEASE SOPHOMORE ALBUM

punkfunkrootsrock - HITS STORES ON AUGUST 2ND

FIRST SINGLE - “OVER MY DEAD BODY”- AVAILABLE ON iTUNES MAY 31

(Los Angeles, CA) – Like a mixture of dangerous chemicals, equal parts guitarist extraordinaire, *rudeboy* rock drummer, and the righteous rhythms of a badass bass player and all together you have one hell of an explosive combination. Add to this concoction the experience of selling 75 million records and the attitude that comes from being at the top of your game and you've got **MANRAZE**. This London-based alternative/nuwave rock band was formed by iconic lead guitarist **Phil Collen** of Def Leppard. The band members include punk rock forerunner **Paul Cook** of the Sex Pistols on drums and **Simon Laffy**, rockin' bass player of Collen's former glam-band, Girl. The long awaited and highly anticipated sophomore album for these revolutionaries of Rock, titled *punkfunkrootsrock*, will be unleashed upon the masses on August 2nd through Rocket Science Ventures in the U.S. and Canada. The album will also be released July 27th in Japan on Nippon/Columbia and in the Europe and UK via Edel Music. In addition, a Limited Edition version will be available for order in the U.S. as soon as June 1.

Prior to the album's summer release, the first single “Over My Dead Body” is set to hit iTunes on May 31st. OMDB is a hard-hitting track combining a mixture of fiery Rolling Stones' foot stomping rhythms and Sex Pistols' over the top energetic drum beats. For fans that pre-order the album an acoustic version of the track will be offered as a free download. The remainder of the album's twelve tracks feature many diverse genres including rock, soul and reggae dub, a perfect blend of influences each band member brings to the mix.

It all started in 2004 when Phil Collen, after 20+ years as lead guitarist for Def Leppard, decided to express himself via another creative outlet – something a bit closer to his musical home. After a chance meeting on the street with Paul Cook, **MANRAZE** finally released their debut album *SURREAL* through Universal Records in the summer of 2008 to rave reviews. The group's debut album was chocked full of rebellious in-your-face mantras (“Turn it Up”, “This Is,” “Running Me Up”) ranging from hardcore punk to dub. Seen as a cross between the *Foo Fighters*, *Green Day*, *Nirvana*, *Rage Against The Machine* and *The Police* **MANRAZE** is a response to the ever changing climate of multi-faceted music and should be heralded for far more than just being a ‘rock band’.

In the spring of 2011 the band's single “I Superbiker” was the theme song for the feature documentary of the same name. Directed by **MANRAZE** music video director Mark Sloper, the film was released solely in the UK. The documentary is an in-depth expose' into the merciless world of competitive speed bike racing and a look at the men who have dedicated their entire

existence to this incredibly dangerous, adrenaline based sport. Mark Sloper's camera follows four superbike riders through their dramatic, life altering Superbike Season. **MANRAZE** also released a promotional video for the song and film. For more information on the movie, visit: www.isuperbiker.com

Developed in 2004 as a new model solution for artists and management, the **Rocket Science** mission is to provide a full-service label experience to artists and management in the rapidly evolving digital and physical marketplace. **Rocket Science** was borne out of the explosive growth of artists and management who work outside of the traditional major label model. **Rocket Science** provides turnkey services with a focus on execution.

punkfunkrootsrock track listing:

1. Over My Dead Body
2. I C U In Everything
3. All I Wanna Do
4. Closer To Me
5. Lies
6. Get Action
7. Edge Of The World
8. Dreamland
9. Fire
10. I, Superbiker
11. Bittersweet
12. Dogbite (Instrumental)

To sneak listen to first single, "Over My Dead Body", click here:
<http://www.idesignprod.com/manraze/audiostreams/OverMyDeadBody.asx>

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