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**James Citkovic, President of Countdown Entertainment
Brokers Deal for Jimi Hendrix's Classic Album *Band of Gypsys***

New York, NY, June 27, 2016—James Citkovic, president of Countdown Entertainment, recently brokered a deal between PPX International and a private investor on the master of Jimi Hendrix's classic *Band of Gypsys* album.

A live album, recorded on January 1, 1970 at New York City's Fillmore East, *Band of Gypsys* was Hendrix's first LP without his original group, the Jimi Hendrix Experience, and featured Billy Cox on bass and Buddy Miles on drums. The RIAA Platinum® album mixed funk and rhythm and blues elements with hard rock and jamming, an approach that is generally believed to have become the basis of funk rock. Sadly, it was also Hendrix's last full-length album released before his death.

For Citkovic, who counts Hendrix as one of his top five all-time favorite musicians, this catalogue deal adds to his collection of work on Jimi Hendrix properties. Several years ago, Citkovic brokered an agreement with Sony Music Entertainment to purchase a catalogue of 86 master recordings by Jimi Hendrix and Curtis Knight, which included such songs "Gloomy Monday," "Hush Now" and "Drivin' South" (covered by Stevie Ray Vaughan). Shortly thereafter, Citkovic forged a deal with Shubert Music Publishing GmbH for the publishing on this catalogue of songs, which included both 100% of the writer royalties plus 100% of the music publishing, known in the industry as a "true 100%."

James Citkovic founded Countdown Entertainment in 1983 and has managed dozens of artists—both up & coming and established—including one of the Top 100 Entertainers of All-Time. But as the traditional record industry reorganized in the mid-nineties, Citkovic recognized that music publishing and masters were fast becoming valuable commodities and decided to utilize his high level industry contacts and years of experience to bring together buyers for and sellers of these types of intellectual properties. He is also involved in entertainment-related company acquisitions.

In addition to these several prestigious Hendrix transactions, Citkovic's list of successes includes properties by The Ramones, Lynyrd Skynyrd & Blackfoot, The Fixx and even Elvis, to name a few.

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