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THE FAMILY STONE  
OFFICIAL SLY AND THE FAMILY STONE TOURING BAND

To Whom It May Concern:

As attorney representing Sylvester Stewart AKA Sly Stone, please be advised that The Family Stone is the only band officially authorized by the legendary Sly Stone to carry on the legacy of his iconic music. Led by Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame inductee and founding member Jerry Martini, The Family Stone keeps the music of Sly and the Family Stone alive on stages around the world.

Formed in San Francisco (1966), Sly and the Family Stone made history as America's first major multi-racial, multi-gender touring band. Their infectious blend of funk, soul, R&B, rock, and psychedelia propelled them to global fame. Fronted by the visionary Sly Stone, the band's original lineup included his brother Freddie Stone (guitar), sister Rose Stone (keyboards), Jerry Martini (saxophone), Larry Graham (bass), Greg Errico (drums), and the late, great Cynthia Robinson (trumpet).

Affectionately known as "Papa J," Jerry Martini helped shape the band's revolutionary sound. "Sly and I formed a lifelong bond when I nudged him into leading the band in 1965," says Martini. "Our influence helped shift the landscape of popular music in ways that still resonate today."

Carrying the torch forward is powerhouse vocalist Phunne Stone— daughter of Cynthia Robinson and Sly Stone. Her electrifying performances honor her parents' legacies while forging a bold path of her own. Sly is proud to witness her vocal prowess in performing his music on stage.

Today, The Family Stone remains true to its original mission: to uplift and unite. Still multi-racial and multi-gender, the band continues to inspire audiences of all ages to STAND for peace, equality, and everyday people.

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