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**M**usic Connection's *A&R Report* delivers up-to-date information about the signings of new artists, significant developments at major and indie labels, as well as news of managers and attorneys who are active in the A&R aspect of the music business. So that MC can provide the most current information possible, please send any industry news, A&R buzz or rumors that need to be verified to [BBatMC@aol.com](mailto:BBatMC@aol.com).

### OPPS

• **The Los Angeles Music Network (LAMN) is seeking artists for a monthly showcase called, LAMN Jam.** The performance events are free to the public and free to the artists who perform. Each act will get to do two to three original songs in front of a panel of industry pros, the kind who can help your career. Those professionals will provide instant feedback and constructive comments for every artist in the areas of music, lyrics and performance.

LAMN Jams are held at venues throughout the greater L.A. area. Each showcase includes guest

panelists, while the in-residence experts are: **John Braheny**, professional songwriter, author; **Harriet Schock**, recording artist, songwriting consultant, teacher and author; **Mandi Martin**, music producer and manager; **Jan Linder-Koda**, producer of Angel Diva Music; **Robert Walls** publisher, Four Jays Music; and **Dick Wagner**, producer and songwriter for Desert Dreams Productions.

LAMN encourages artists to submit their music now for these events. For details regarding consideration, go to [LAMN.com](http://LAMN.com) or call 818-769-6095. You can also e-mail music and website links with a brief description of your music to [info@lamn.com](mailto:info@lamn.com) (but, please do not include attachments).

• **Multiplatinum producer Dito Godwin is looking for highly talented artists to record in his state-of-the-art studio** in the Hollywood Hills. Godwin has worked with **No Doubt**, **KISS**, **Motley Crue**, **Butterfly Boucher** and many others and has also been responsible for numerous label signings. More over, his company **BGO Entertainment Network** can help you "after" the recording is done. Contact Godwin at 805-279-0634, or e-mail [Dito-dito@earthlink.net](mailto:Dito-dito@earthlink.net). It's not a free service, but Godwin indicates that BGO can be creative with budgets.

• **Tickets for Ozzfest will be free this summer.** In continuing to give back to his fans, a limited number of specially marked copies of Ozzy Osbourne's first studio album of all new material in six years, **Black Rain** on **Epic Records**, will contain a special code for seats at this summer's premiere touring concert festival. This is to insure that tickets will get into the hands of his real fans who have supported his

### JOSIE COTTON GETS SIRIUS



Emerging from a self-imposed exile from the music industry, singer/songwriter Josie Cotton ("Johnny Are You Queer?") stopped at Sirius Satellite Radio studios in Hollywood for an interview with Richard Blade (Pictured). The two friends, instrumental in the 80's pop music explosion in Los Angeles, shared stories broadcast on Sirius Satellite's popular *The Big 80's* and *First Wave* radio channel where Blade is the morning drive program host. Cotton is promoting her latest release *Invasion Of The B Girls* (Scruffy Records) and is planning numerous live dates. For more information, visit [josiecotton.com](http://josiecotton.com).

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Specially marked copies of *Black Rain* will be available at participating retailers on May 22 and can also be pre-ordered now at [Ozzy.com](http://Ozzy.com). Fans can use the code found in the CD's packaging to redeem two tickets. These codes will be effective on Friday, June 8, four days before the general public log-in on June 12th. Tickets are available while supplies last. For full details on this promotion, you can go to Ozzy's website.

• **Broadjam.com wants to help future superstars get noticed.** The site has been so popular, MySpace sees it as a competitor. Artists can get a free account at Broadjam to promote their music,

premiere of an animated video for "Dance of the Manatee" on Apr. 23, on [PureVolume.com](http://PureVolume.com), and has confirmed tour dates beginning in early May. "Dance of the Manatee" is the first single from the album, which was produced by super-producer **David Bottrill** (Tool, Muse, Peter Gabriel) and executive produced by **Serj Tankian** (System Of A Down). For more information and a tour itinerary, go to [Fairtomidland.com](http://Fairtomidland.com).

• **The White Stripes have announced that their sixth album, *Icky Thump*, will be released on June 19 by Third Man/Warner Bros. Records.** The album was recorded over three weeks in Nashville's **Blackbird**