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PORTLAND IS SO COOL THE MUSIC IS HOT

Portland, Maine – September 19, 2005. Forget CBGB's and the Blue Note, Portland has AmeriCo Productions and Geno's. And this month we have some wicked cool musicians from NYC making the trek to support the AmeriCo agenda, and rock the house. In September AmeriCo is featuring a benefit at Geno's, well, for itself. On Wednesday the 28th the fab and famous Chris Orbach and his band will play, and on Thursday the 29th Justin Page and Friends present "Experiments in Groove," a jazz/funk jam that will make you wet with sweat. Both shows start at 9:00 and admission is \$6 (plus any donation you can spare).

AmeriCo Productions hosts a monthly cabaret, "Speaking the Unspeakable: A Totally Biased and Slanted Look at the World We Live in Today." Speaking is a mixture of performances, music, film, readings, and other creative jaunts through the world of politics. Topics include issues of national, state, local, social, and other political concern, translated through various types of creative expression. These benefit shows will help to keep the art of politics alive.

New York singer/songwriter (and actor) Chris Orbach's music jumps from genre to genre for a reason -- the music changes in service to the song. Just when you think he's soft and easy, he hits you over the head. Just when you think he's funky, he rocks. Through it all, there's a certain Jazz looseness which allows for everybody in the band to show their colors. The songs are seamless in their construction and yet never played the same way twice. In a time when pop music is treated like breakfast cereal, and the package is supposed to suggest the flavor, Chris takes you on a real journey. May your ears and soul be healthier as a result. This show is on Wednesday September 28th.

Native New Yorker Justin Page has been playing the drums with musical legends and legends-in-the-making since he was 10 ... Dizzy Gillespie, Rufus Reid, Kevin Hays, and Bill Charlap, just to name a few. Justin Page and Friends "Experiments in Groove" promises to be a night of sublime sounds, and those so inclined should bring their dancing shoes. Special guests will include Raquelle (Rocky) Chavis, a "world jazz" signer with a total command of the stage and a big sensation in Germany, jazz/blues guitar man Stew Cutler, bassist Doug Weiss recording for *Blue Note Records*, and a VERY special guest on keyboard – so special it's top secret, but if you know jazz, you'll know him. This show is on Thursday September 29th.

Geno's (formerly The Skinny), is at 625 Congress Street, Portland, Maine. For more information visit www.AmeriCoProductions.org or email info@AmeriCoProductions.org.