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**REDWOOD ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS
A TRIPLE CD RELEASE NIGHT OF WORLD MUSIC AT DROM NYC**

New York, NY, August 29, 2011—As a follow-up to its highly successful American Roots Music Review at Drom in June of this year, Redwood Entertainment presents its second dynamic theme-night music show at Drom in NYC with a World Music Review on Thursday, October 13, 2011, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Releasing their CDs at the show will be successful Redwood recording artists NY Latin Jazz singer Ruth Aguilar, the eclectic Derrick N. Ashong & Soulfège, and Reunion Island's Meddy Gerville.

Ruth Aguilar will perform songs from her triumphant debut CD release, *An Invitation*, and will be accompanied by some of New York's finest Jazz professionals. This native Latina New Yorker is an accomplished singer with classic Jazz sensibilities and a refreshingly unique vocal sound who delivers soulful interpretations with poignant and imaginative phrasing. The sound quality of her voice itself has enchanted listeners time and again. Ruth Aguilar's tasteful and agile improvisational skill and natural sense of rhythm and timing captivate her audience at every live performance and these assets are amply demonstrated on the compelling and vocally luxurious, *An Invitation*. www.ruthaguilar.com

Derrick N. Ashong & Soulfège will be celebrating their current CD release, *Afropolitan*. They embody the pluralistic vision of a new generation of music makers and socially conscious activists. Leader and co-founder Derrick N. Ashong, a.k.a. DNA, is a Ghana-born, Harvard graduate who originally formed Soulfège with college choir mate Jonathan M. Gramling. The band is a critically-acclaimed, refreshingly original and exciting group of musicians who have synthesized a blend of Hip-Hop, Reggae, Funk, World Beat and West African Highlife music to create an integral musical mélange of style *and* substance. They are a powerful live act and a vivid new voice that has perpetually exhilarated audiences with their joyous 'Afropolitan' fusion. Derrick N. Ashong & Soulfège is a group of individuals from a diverse variety of impressive backgrounds, and they have brought together a festive amalgam of musical styles, superlatively displayed on their third and latest CD release, *Afropolitan*. www.derrickashong.com

Meddy Gerville will commemorate his current highly acclaimed CD release *Fo Kronm La Vi*. Pianist, songwriter, composer and singer Meddy Gerville is like a fresh summer breeze in a music world of rare exceptions. He is an exotic gem that has yet to be savored sufficiently by U.S. music listeners, yet he has been electrifying audiences the world over with his intricate and compelling synthesis of Jazz and Maloya, indigenous music of his native Reunion Island, for almost a decade. His music is characterized by the explosive rhythms of his native island played on various homegrown instruments including 'rouler,' 'kayam' and 'ravan' drums, much of which help account for his astonishing originality. Meddy's voice has been compared to Milton Nascimento and Al Jarreau, but these comparisons fail to capture the unique timbre and rhythmic intensity of his soulful and nuanced vocal approach. Likewise, Meddy Gerville's extraordinary compositional, pianistic and improvisational prowess is peerless in its conception and execution, all exquisitely exhibited on his U.S. debut CD, his seventh release worldwide, *Fo Kronm La Vi*. www.meddygerville.com

Each of these Redwood artists individually put on great live shows, and seeing them together in one fast paced performance will make for an exceptionally entertaining, exotic and fun night of great music. Come celebrate these three powerful artist's CD releases and watch for other upcoming Redwood Entertainment music theme nights at Drom NYC in the near future.

Location: Drom, 85 Avenue A (btw 5th & 6th St.), NYC, (212) 777-1157 www.dromnyc.com

Admission: \$10 advance, \$15 at the door

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