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Audio-Technica Supports Nashville's Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School's New Recording Program

STOW, OH, July 19, 2013 — Audio-Technica, a leading innovator in transducer technology for over 50 years, is proud to be among an elite group of audio equipment manufacturers lending key support to Nashville's Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School (the only entertainment magnet high school in the country) as it rolls out its new recording technology program and world-class recording studio, the result of Nashville Metro Schools' "Music Makes Us" initiative. The studio was designed and assembled by leading members of The Recording Academy® Producers & Engineers Wing®, and is part of the first-ever student-run record label in a high school. On May 8, 2013, members of the P&E Wing, along with Nashville public officials, representatives from Audio-Technica and other key sponsors, members of the media and more attended a red-carpet event at the school's campus celebrating the grand opening of the program and facility.

The studio, which will serve the school's Academy of Entertainment Management and Academy of Entertainment Communication divisions, is a multi-room facility with a large control room that will allow several students and teachers to work comfortably using the recording equipment, synthesizers, digital samplers and drum machines. The studio also features a sizable tracking room where the Audio-Technica microphones will be employed as students capture recordings of live musicians. The facility also features several isolation booths and two

5.1 surround sound editing suites. In addition, the studio houses a multi-station teaching area with 30 Apple iMac-equipped workstations connected to the teacher's station and the studio.

A-T equipment in the studio includes two ATM650 Hypercardioid Dynamic Microphones; an ATM25/LE Limited edition Hypercardioid Dynamic Instrument Microphones; two AT4081 Bidirectional Ribbon Microphones; two AT4033/CL Side address Cardioid Condenser Microphones; an AT4047/SV Side address Cardioid Condenser Microphone; an AT4050 Multi-pattern Condenser Microphone; two AT4051b Cardioid Condenser Microphones; an AT4050ST Stereo Condenser Microphone; and five sets of ATH-M50s straight-cable Studio Monitor Headphones.

Multiple GRAMMY® Award nominee Jeff Balding, P&E Wing Pearl-Cohn Subcommittee Chair, stated, "We thank Audio-Technica and all of our key sponsors. They provided an integral piece of this puzzle, and they have made a tremendous impact on this groundbreaking program. I can't help but think of what a gift it will be for these students to be working with such state-of-the-art gear as Audio-Technica microphones and headphones. This is an unprecedented opportunity for the present and future of music, and we are proud to have Audio-Technica involved."

Fellow subcommittee member Chuck Ainlay, who also acts as the Chair of the P&E Wing in Nashville, added, "I have personally been a long-time user of Audio-Technica microphones and headphones, and it's great that the students at Pearl-Cohn will have the opportunity to use the same microphones that the pros use in the studio. With the support of companies like Audio-Technica, the recording technology program at Pearl-Cohn will help raise students' expectations about the quality of music and have a tremendous impact on their lives."

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About Music Makes Us

Music Makes Us is a joint effort of Metro Nashville Public Schools, Mayor Karl Dean and music

industry and community leaders. The Music Makes Us initiative will lead the nation in music education. With a focus on music literacy and student participation, Music Makes Us is strengthening traditional school music while adding a contemporary curriculum that embraces new technologies and reflects a diverse musical landscape.

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