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## **LENNON CONTEST SELECTS ECHOVALVE TO APPEAR ON THE WARPED TOUR 2005**

Rock Band Joins Warped Tour Week of August 3<sup>rd</sup> Beginning In Home Town Of  
Atlanta

(New York, April 28, 2005) – Echovalve, an entrant in the 2004 John Lennon Songwriting Contest, has been selected by Kevin Lyman, founder of the Warped Tour, to appear on that famed tour for one week beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Atlanta, the band's hometown. They will perform seven shows culminating on August 9 in Virginia Beach. Members of Echovalve said, "Winning this prize in the John Lennon Songwriting Competition has given us exposure and opened doors for us that would have never been possible without it!" The appearance on a Warped Tour stage is just one of the prizes in the 9 year old John Lennon Songwriting Contest which is sponsored by the Maxell Corporation.

The 2005 Contest has just been launched, with the biggest prize package ever, totaling over \$240,000 in cash and prizes and the opportunity once again for a band to be selected to perform on the 2006 Warped Tour. The deadline for the first round of entries – Session I, is on August 15, 2005. Information on the Contest is available at [www.jlsc.com](http://www.jlsc.com).

The Lennon Contest is dedicated to providing opportunities for both professional and amateur songwriters. There are 96 winners in 12 categories, each of which receives awards and prizes, the greatest of which is the \$20,000 check for the Maxell Song of the Year winner. The judging panel for Session I includes John Legend, Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas, the Bacon Brothers and Sony Records' Ken Komisar. Sponsors of the Contest include Maxell Corporation, Roland, Ediol, Brian Moore Guitars, Audio-Technica, MusiciansFriend.com, and Disc Makers.

The John Lennon Songwriting Contest is made possible by an agreement with Yoko Ono Lennon who said, "I hope this Contest will encourage, inspire and help the songwriters of the world to share their dreams with us."

An offshoot of the Contest is the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, a non-profit mobile state-of-the-art audio and video recording studio. The Lennon Bus travels the country year-round and will also be on the Warped Tour creating a music video of ECHOVALVE's week-long adventure. In addition, the Lennon tents will once again be a destination for Warped Tour attendees to demo music products and receive giveaways and special offers from some of the sponsors,

which include Maxell Corporation, Apple Computer, NAMM, iGuitar, Roland, Sibelius, Elixir Strings, Edirol, Audio-Technica, Disc Makers, Digidesign, Neutrik, Aphex Systems, themusicedge.com, supportmusic.com, JVC Professional, Furman Sound, MusiciansFriend.com, Glyph Technologies, Sonicbids, Guitar Player, Keyboard, Stanton, Spectrasonics, IK Multimedia, Total Brand Delivery, Antares, Bomb Factory, Waves, Serato, and McDSP.

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