**Press Release: Ralf Richards**

Ralf Richards´ songs are fascinating, authentic and create big emotions. They are rich in musical expressions of love, longing and life itself. He succeeds in inspiring and captivating the audience.

Born in Germany´s Allgäu mountain region, Ralf Richards has inherited his father´s musical talents early on, discovering his passion for the guitar at the age of 25. His secret love for singing has always been most prominent. And exactly this musical combination has generated his current career.

Through his professional activity as a master confectioner at home and abroad, he had the opportunity to view and discover many different musical styles.

After several years of experience with various cover bands, Ralf Richards composed his first song `Dark Brown Eyes' two years ago on the occasion of his wife's birthday. This song was intended as a unique gift at the time, but things turned out differently. Six months later, his brother-in-law and friend Tom tragically died in an accident with his Harley Davidson.

This sudden loss of a dear family member had the greatest influence on Ralf Richards´ songwriting. Overnight, he processed his pain over Tom's accidental death in the touching song entitled "TOM A HAWK" - the hawk having been Tom's professional trademark as a graphic artist. Ralf Richards continues this legacy now and has named his first album after him.

Touching people’s lives – is what the artist also intends through his other songs. Numerous visits to the USA, Canada and Australia have also had a marked influence on his musical interpretations and style.

They sound like a mixture of "American New Country" and "Folk Rock." These are situations - taken directly from life - which one likes to remember or which encourage and animate change. His lyrics sound quiet sometimes and pensive, sometimes powerfully and full of energy, just like his melodies.

The acoustic arrangement develops Ralf Richards closely with his band. After two years of intensive songwriting, he is now launching his first album. Included are eight of his own compositions. These are personal experiences and impressions, songs filled with passion and melancholy, reflecting life in all its shades and facets.

Ralf Richards emphasizes the values ​​of life, sings about family, raising children and finding genuine friends. A world that gets out of joint, but also a love-hate relationship with a red American street cruiser are among many subjects, which the artist incorporates stylishly into his moving songs.

Through his YouTube video "TOM A HAWK" has Ralf Richards drawn increased attention from the local press and Bavarian television, having even broadcasted a first TV special on him. In addition to various live performances is yet another television recording in planning.

This very emotional and perfectly arranged album "TOM A HAWK" makes you simply want more!

RALF RICHARDS – Vocals & Guitar

KALLE WALLNER – Guitar – Guest Musician

KRISTINA WITZGALL – Violin – Guest Musician

CHRISTOPH BICHLMEIER – Piano – Guest Musician

VICTORIA HELMBRECHT – Vocals, Background Vocals – Guest Musician

Further information can be found on his homepage

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