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## **ABC RADIO NETWORKS ADDS TOM KENT TO MUSIC PORTFOLIO**

DALLAS – (Jan 8, 2009) ABC Radio Networks announced today that veteran radio programmer and on-air personality Tom Kent will join the company’s lineup on February 2. Kent, who began his radio career at the age of 15 in Winston-Salem on WAIR, has built a loyal fan base of program directors across the country with his weekday and weekend offerings of classic hits that feature live content and music that consistently connects with the Adult 35-54 demographic. The Tom Kent Radio Network consists of *Tom Kent*, airing live Monday-Friday from 7 p.m. – Midnight ET; *The Ultimate Party*, a live Saturday evening show with an all party-hit playlist; and *My 70s Show* on Sundays, which pays homage to the days of platform shoes and bell-bottom jeans and catches up with the artists who defined the decade.

“Tom is truly a maestro who moves and conducts the music on his shows with genuine energy while understanding how each song relates to his listeners’ lives,” said Carl Anderson, Senior Vice President of Programming and Distribution for ABC Radio Networks. “His career has been built on recognizing the needs of the adult audience and engaging them with entertaining content and the music they want to hear. We’re proud to welcome him to our network family and make his shows available to our affiliates.”

The Tom Kent Radio Network is currently broadcast on more than 100 stations including major markets such as Boston, Dallas, Detroit, Phoenix, Miami, St. Louis, Tampa and Kansas City. ABC Radio Networks will grow the existing affiliate base while managing all advertising sales for the individual programs.

“With each of our shows, the goal is to create a fun experience for the listener complete with all the classic songs they love plus the banter and listener interaction that ties it all together,” said Kent. “We’ve been able to reach so many people who appreciate the brand of radio we’re delivering. With the emergence of new technologies and the growing need for real content, I’m delighted to join forces with the ABC Radio Networks team who will move us to the next level.”

Kent has driven ratings at some of the top radio stations in the country including WLS - Chicago, KLIF – Dallas, WAVA - Washington, WMJX - Miami, WGCL - Cleveland and WIBG – Philadelphia. He also worked in the music industry as a promotion executive for Elektra Entertainment. His current radio network shows feature a variety of hit music from the late 60s, 70s and 80s by artists such as Elton John, Beatles, Fleetwood Mac, Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder and The Doobie Brothers.

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### **About ABC Radio Networks**

ABC Radio Networks has 4,400 affiliate radio stations reaching more than 105 million listeners in the 12+ demographic each week. Programs and services include ABC News Radio, *Paul Harvey News and Comment*, *The Mark Levin Show*, *The Michael Baisden Show*, *The Tom Joyner Morning Show*, *Big Boy's Neighborhood*, *The Ride with Doug and DeDe*, *Kidd Kraddick in the Morning*, *Imus in the Morning*, *Radio Perez* with Perez Hilton, *MoneyTalk with Bob Brinker*, *The Ric Edelman Show*, *The Huckabee Report*, *The Joe Scarborough Show* and *American Country Countdown with Kix Brooks*. Other ABC services include advanced digital media platforms with online interactive advertising, streaming audio and podcasts, ABC Sports Radio, syndicated music and talk programs including Flashback, format-specific ePREP, production libraries, nine 24-Hour Formats, including Scott Shannon's True Oldies Channel and ESPN Radio. ABC Radio Networks en Español includes leading Spanish-language programming such as *Conexión Thalia*, *Tu Vida Es Mi Vida con Maria Marín*, *Celebrating the Healthy Life with Maria Celeste*, and ESPN Deportes Radio.