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**A&M RECORDS CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY WITH RELEASE OF 3-CD SET –  
THE ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION DUE OUT AUGUST 28**

It's an archetypal story of the modern record business – two guys with a dream running their nascent label out of a West Hollywood garage in the summer of 1962. The label quickly gains momentum and eventually becomes one of the most important record companies the world has ever seen.

The two guys were **Herb Alpert** and **Jerry Moss**, the “A” and the “M” in **A&M Records**. By the way, it was Alpert's garage and that first hit was “The Lonely Bull,” performed by **Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass**. And this year the two record men and UMe are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their label.

As part of the celebration, on August 28, UMe is releasing **A&M 50: THE ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION**. A 60-track, 3-CD set curated by Alpert & Moss, THE ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION perfectly illustrates what a potent effect the legendary label is still having on contemporary popular music.

Perhaps because one of its founders was an artist himself—and a hugely successful one at that—A&M Records distinguished itself as an artist-friendly label, one that would stand behind artists they believed in, album after album, until they found their voice and an audience.

“We wanted to make good records,” says Herb Alpert, reflecting on the label's genesis. “That was our goal. We felt if we made good records there would be an audience.”

Herb and Jerry's dedication to development resulted in some of the biggest superstars in music ever: **Joe Cocker, Procol Harum, Quincy Jones, Billy Preston, Cat Stevens, Carpenters, Peter Frampton, Supertramp, Jeffrey Osborne, Styx, Bryan Adams, Joe Jackson, the Police, Sting, Janet Jackson, Suzanne Vega, Sheryl Crow, Soundgarden**, and so many, many more.

As iconic as the music released over the last 50 years by A&M Records was, so was the space that was home to the label for so many years: 1416 North La Brea, the former Charlie Chaplin Studios in Hollywood, and now home to Henson Studios. It's interesting to note that the state-of-the-art recording studio that Herb and Jerry built on that lot decades ago is still drawing top artists from all over the world to record there.

“People hung out there,” says Moss. “You took a walk on that lot and you wouldn't believe who you would run into. It was interesting to everyone who worked there and it was a lot of fun.”

At A&M Records, Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss were able to build a haven for artistic development that rivals any record label in history. Maybe it's due, in part, to the fact that A&M

was privately owned and run by its founders for the first 27 years of its existence. The environment they created helped spawn some of the most important artists in contemporary music, selling millions of albums worldwide in the process and creating a legacy that is virtually unmatched in the United States. As Sting so succinctly puts it, “We definitely felt nourished and sustained by a creative team.”

And now, with the release of THE ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION, music fans everywhere can sample the music of one of the greatest record labels of all time, all in one convenient place.

## THE ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION

ARTIST	TRACK
<b>Disc 1: From AM to FM</b>	
1 Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass	The Lonely Bull
2 Sergio Mendes & Brasil '66	Mas Que Nada
3 We Five	You Were On My Mind
4 Chris Montez	The More I See You
5 Rita Coolidge	(Your Love Keeps...) Higher and Higher
6 Burt Bacharach	A House Is Not A Home
7 Carpenters	(They Long to Be) Close To You
8 Cat Stevens	Wild World
9 The Human League	Don't You Want Me
10 Captain & Tennille	Love Will Keep Us Together
11 Pablo Cruise	Whatcha Gonna Do
12 Lani Hall	Sun Down
13 Amy Grant	Baby Baby
14 Gino Vannelli	I Just Wanna Stop
15 Suzanne Vega	Luka
16 Chris de Burgh	The Lady in Red
17 Joan Armatrading	Love and Affection
18 UB40	Red Red Wine
19 Joan Baez	Diamonds and Rust
20 Herb Alpert	Rise
21 Sheryl Crow	All I Wanna Do
<b>Disc 2: A Mission to Rock</b>	
1 The Police	Roxanne
2 Joe Cocker	The Letter
3 Free	All Right Now
4 The Ozark Mountain Daredevils	Jackie Blue
5 Humble Pie	30 Days In the Hole
6 Joe Jackson	Steppin' Out

7	The Flying Burrito Brothers	Hot Burrito #1
8	Procol Harum	Conquistador (live)
9	Styx	Come Sail Away
10	Split Enz	I Got You
11	Squeeze	Tempted
12	Peter Frampton	Show Me The Way
13	Bryan Adams	Run To You
14	Nazareth	Love Hurts
15	Supertramp	The Logical Song
16	38 Special	Caught Up in You
17	Simple Minds	Don't You (Forget About Me)
18	Soundgarden	Black Hole Sun
19	Sting	If You Love Somebody Set Them Free

**DISC 3: Soul Jazz And More**

1	L.T.D.	(Everytime I...) Back in Love Again
2	Sonny Charles & The Checkmates Ltd.	Black Pearl
3	Gato Barbieri	Europa
4	The Brothers Johnson	I'll Be Good to You
5	Aaron Neville	Everybody Plays The Fool
6	Billy Preston	Will It Go Round in Circles
7	Milton Nascimento	Bridges
8	Chuck Mangione	Feels So Good
9	Bell & James	Livin' It Up (Friday Night)
10	Antonio Carlos Jobim	Wave
11	Jeffrey Osborne	On The Wings of Love
12	Paul Desmond	Summertime
13	Quincy Jones feat. Ashford, Simpson & Khan	Stuff Like That
14	Atlantic Starr	Secret Lovers
15	Jesse Johnson feat. Sly Stone	Crazay
16	Stan Getz	Amorous Cat
17	CeCe Peniston	Finally
18	Barry White	Practice What You Preach
19	Herb Alpert & Hugh Masekela	Skokiaan
20	Janet Jackson	When I Think of You

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