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## **JOHN SAVAGE scores success on MP3.com**

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**Clinton, NY - Jan. 7, 2000** - The song "Rag Man," from John Savage's self-titled CD, produced by George Deveny, was in the #1 position on the mp3.com Blues Vocalist daily chart from Dec. 14-23. It entered the top 40 on the MP3.com Blues Vocalist daily chart on Nov. 5, and remained in the top 40 until Dec. 16. It remains in the top 100 songs on the chart.

*John Savage* was released in November only on the Internet at [www.johnsavage.com](http://www.johnsavage.com) and MP3.com (MP3.com/johnsavage). On the overall MP3.com chart, "Rag Man" reached a chart-high position of 469 out of 208,000 songs.

MP3.com is a new approach to the promotion and distribution of music. The company's Web site contains over 200,000 songs from more than 40,000 artists, the largest collection of digital music available on the Internet. The term mp3 refers to Internet and file formats that make music files smaller, making them quicker to download. A growing number of artists distribute and promote their music to a broad audience on MP3.com, where more than 400,000 people each day search, preview and download music free of charge. There is an overall chart, plus charts for 16 genres of music, with various sub-genres. Since Dec. 1, 1999, over 45 million unique visitors have visited the site.

"It was very exciting to watch it go up the charts by leaps and bounds. The MP3.com charts change daily, based on downloads of songs and CD sales," Savage said. "It entered the Blues Vocalist chart at #49 on Nov. 4., was in the top 20 by the 6th, and was #1 by the 14th. The nice folks at MP3.com made it a "Featured Song," which helped push it, and that was exhilarating."

*John Savage* features six songs written by Savage. Deveny played guitar, produced and arranged the songs. Also featured on the CD are Central New York musicians Dave Olson (drums), Steve Wargo (bass), Darryl Mattison (percussion), and Frank Talarico (keyboards), and Fritz Scherz (accordion). The CD was recorded and engineered by Jim Barnes on a wide array of vintage recording equipment at Tuffy's Barn Studio in Sangerfield, N.Y.

Savage's Web site was launched in November. At [www.johnsavage.com](http://www.johnsavage.com), visitors can purchase *John Savage*, link to John's MP3.com site, check upcoming club and concert dates for John Savage & George Deveny, and see photos from their appearance at Woodstock '99 with John Savage & George Deveny and Friends. The site is designed and maintained by Black Dog Web Pages, Whitesboro, N.Y.

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“The explosive growth of MP3.com in the past three years truly is amazing,” Deveny said. “It’s very satisfying to see John’s songs being heard, especially on the Internet to an international audience. The Internet presents great opportunity for musicians, and it’s only going to get bigger and better in the future.”

Regarding the making of *John Savage*, Deveny said, “Everybody who worked on the CD did a wonderful job. The performances were exceptional, the sessions we’re great fun, and working with all that vintage studio equipment was incredible,” he added.

Savage, who lives in Clinton, is an active member of Taxi, an independent A&R organization for songwriters looking to market their songs to the music business. Also, he owns and operates Savage Studio, located in Clinton.

Deveny, who lives in Salisbury, has played with numerous Central New York bands including, Blueprints, Homegrown, the Dust Devil Band, Slidewinder, and the Solid Oak Band. He has appeared on bills with such legendary performers as Freddie King, Peter Tosh, Luther “Guitar Junior” Johnson, the Nighthawks, Asleep At the Wheel, Roger McGuinn, Kenny Neal, Lucky Petersen, Eddie Money, Eddie Shaw and the Wolfpack (featuring Hubert Sumlin), Black 47, the Honky Tonk Gurus, Roomful of Blues, Tinsley Ellis and many others.

Deveny is widely recognized as one of Central New York’s top guitar and slide-guitar players. He has played at some of the region’s biggest shows, including Fireworks Over Central New York, the New York State Blues Festival (Syracuse), the Empire State Blues Festival (Albany), the Chenango County Blues Festival, the Good Old Summertime (Utica), Canal Days Celebration (Little Falls), and the Munson-Williams-Proctor Summer Art Festival (Utica).

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