



Rachelle Friedman Steps Down as Music Business Association Chairman

May 7, 2014 – After an unprecedented seven terms as Chairman of the Music Business Association (Music Biz), formerly known as NARM and digitalmusic.org, Rachelle Friedman, Co-Founder and President of J&R Music & Computer World, has stepped down from the association’s Board of Directors.



“I’m sad to leave the Music Biz Board but happy to see the organization in such a good place as I retire,” said Friedman. “Each and every year, we were able to nurture the next generation of music industry movers and shakers with our Scholarship Foundation, honor the best and brightest artists and executives with our annual Music Biz awards, launch incredibly successful traveling series such as the Music Startup Academy and Entertainment and Technology Law Conference, and realign the entire organization to better reflect our ideas for the future with our rebrand to Music Biz. I’m confident that the association will continue to reach new heights in the years ahead.”

“Rachelle was an incredible Chairman, and we will miss her deeply,” said James Donio, President of Music Biz. “Over the years, she has gone above and beyond the call of duty to advance Music Biz’s goals and make the industry at large a much better place for physical and digital retailers, managers, artists, record labels, and more. Her stature has also been key to ensuring that women receive a strong voice in the future of the music industry, and for that, we were happy to present her and her husband Joe with our Independent Spirit Award at the 53rd Annual NARM Convention. We wish her well in all her future endeavors.”

Friedman and her husband Joe founded J&R Music & Computer World in 1971 in downtown New York City, turning it into one of the most important independent retailers in music history. She joined the then-NARM board in 1996 and has presided over many of the association's biggest advances, including its rebranding from NARM and digitalmusic.org to Music Biz in 2012. For her efforts, Friedman was named to Billboard's Women in Music list in 2011 and received the Independent Spirit Award from Music Biz (then NARM) in 2011.

The Music Biz Board of Directors for 2014-2015 will be:

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Music Biz Board members serve staggered three-year terms. Steve Harkins has joined the Executive Committee as Secretary, and the Executive Committee is now working together to lead the organization through its transition to the election of a new Chairman in the coming months.

About the Music Business Association

The Music Business Association (Music Biz) is a membership organization that advances and promotes music commerce — a community committed to the full spectrum of monetization models in the industry. It provides common ground by offering thought leadership, resources and unparalleled networking opportunities, all geared to the specific needs of its membership. By leveraging the legacy of

the former National Association of Recording Merchandisers (NARM) and its hub for digital initiatives, digitalmusic.org, Music Biz brings a unique perspective and valuable insight into the trends and changes that innovation brings. Today, we put our collective experience to work across all delivery models: physical, digital, mobile and more. Music Biz and its members are committed to building the future of music commerce — together.

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