



## **RedOctane® Announces Guitar Hero II™ for Xbox 360™**

### **Next-Generation Game to Deliver Downloadable Content and New Guitar Hero X-Plorer® Controller**

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Sept. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Guitar Hero II™ is going to be rocking a new stage! RedOctane® announced today that the Guitar Hero™ crew will bring their award-winning tour to the Xbox 360™ game and entertainment system from Microsoft.

"The tour will continue the rockin' gameplay Guitar Hero fans have come to enjoy, and will now include expanded Xbox 360 capabilities," said Kai Huang, president of RedOctane. "With Guitar Hero II for Xbox 360 rock rhythm, lead, or bass guitar tracks with downloadable content and the new X-Plorer® controller, designed specifically for the Xbox 360."

RedOctane will reveal an early glimpse of Guitar Hero II and the X-Plorer controller at X06, the Xbox® brand experience for the games and entertainment industry, being held on September 27th and 28th in Barcelona, Spain. This industry event is open to media and retailers from around the world to view the next-generation of games and accessories.

"With its large integrated hard drive, Xbox 360 provides an incredible platform for facilitating downloadable content," said Dusty Welch, Head of Publishing, RedOctane. "We believe there is no better title to feature micro-transactions than a music game like Guitar Hero II, where the content is the basis of your experience. The relationship with the Xbox Live Marketplace creates endless possibilities for exclusive content."

Guitar Hero II is the follow-up to 2005's award-winning release, Guitar Hero, which rocked the game industry and garnered a stack of awards including: "Best Offline Multiplayer Game 2005" and "Music Game of the Year 2005" from IGN.com, "Best Soundtrack 2005" at the Spike TV Videogames Awards and five D.I.C.E. awards, including Outstanding Innovation in Gaming and Family Game of the Year.

#### About RedOctane

RedOctane, Inc. is a publisher, developer, and distributor of interactive entertainment software, hardware and accessories. The company offers its interactive entertainment products in versions that operate on the PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system console from Sony Computer Entertainment, Xbox™ video game system from Microsoft, and on personal computers ("PC"). RedOctane's leading software product offerings include Guitar Hero™ for the PlayStation 2. RedOctane also designs, manufactures, and markets high quality video game peripherals and accessories and has won awards for the Ignition® Dance Pad and the Guitar Hero SG® Controller. Headquartered in Sunnyvale, California, RedOctane is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Activision, Inc. More information about RedOctane and its products can be found on the company's website, which is located at [www.redoctane.com](http://www.redoctane.com).

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About Xbox and Xbox 360

Microsoft revolutionized the gaming industry with the November 2001 launch of Xbox (<http://www.xbox.com>), its first-generation video game and entertainment system, now sold in 26 countries. Microsoft introduced its next-generation system, Xbox 360, in the 2005 holiday season in Europe, Japan and North America, and launched the system in Australia, Colombia, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore and Taiwan in 2006. Xbox 360 (<http://www.xbox.com/xbox360>) is the most powerful video game and entertainment system, delivering the best games, the next generation of the premier Xbox Live online gaming service, and unique digital entertainment experiences that revolve around gamers.

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