Joe Thomas New Man the number 1 independent album in the US

(New York , NY) – Independent label Kedar Entertainment Group and 563 Entertainment is pleased to announce that the "sweet as chocolate and strong as coffeeâ€□ crooner and platinum-selling recording artist Joe makes a splash with the release of his seventh (7th) album Joe Thomas, New Man. The CD is the #1 INDEPENDENT CD THE COUNTRY according Billboard's "Top Independent Albumsâ€□ chart and is also TOP 10 (#8) on "The Billboard 200 Chartâ€□ and Top 5 (#3) on Billboard's "Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums" chart with sales in excess of 54,000 copies. This is an incredible feat for any independent label.

Joe Thomas, New Man was released on September 23rd and already the first single, $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{E}$.R. (Emergency Room), $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{I}$ has become a mainstay on the charts. According to Radio and Records, $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{E}$.R. $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{I}$ has the distinct of being the #1 most added in its first week going for radio adds on the Urban AC charts and subsequently $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{E}$ Most Added $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{I}$ for four (4) weeks. On the Mediabase chart, it currently sits at the seventh (7th) position with a total audience over 81.5 million. Since its release, $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{E}$.R. (Emergency Room) $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{I}$ has also held the $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{E}$ Most Increased Plays $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{I}$ status on this chart for five (5) weeks.

Few male R&B solo singers that graced our presence in the 90s can attest to the success that the seven-time Grammy Award nominated star Joe can. Over the span of a 15-year career, Joe has sold over ten (10) million CDs worldwide and released nine (9) Top 10 singles on Billboard's "Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songsâ€□ chart.

Joe Thomas, New Man is the perfect album detailing all that Joe is. From the sweet as cherry Kool-Aide lyrics on "Man In

Your Life†to lonely teardrops of "Sorry†to the freaky deke of "Triple Black Room†remix featuring Diddy, Joe continues to dig deep into his own psyche for the best material. The album's second single, "Why Just Be Friends†will be going for adds at Mainstream Urban radio on October 20th and 21st. Moreover, the Billy Woodruff-helmed video has been a staple on BET and BET J for the last five (5) weeks.

Joe is currently promoting the new album internationally with radio visits & shows, local television performances and print interviews throughout Germany , Belgium , United Kingdom , Japan , Holland and Africa .

In addition to his music career, Joe is also branching out into the world of business recently partnering with Kedarâ \in ^M SKâ \in Morus French wines that is distributed across the United States .