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CLE Records to Champion Cleveland Music, Announces Summer Release Lineup and June 27 Showcase

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Jim Ellis, the founder and publisher of the independent music zine CLE, has reincarnated the zine as CLE Records, an independent record label dedicated exclusively to showcasing the diverse musical talent of Cleveland, Ohio. CLE Records has recently debuted its official digital hub at www.cleworld.biz.

Based on a mission to elevate the local music scene, CLE Records has spent the last six months in the studio collaborating with a roster of established and emerging Cleveland artists. As a follow up to their previous releases, the label's current lineup features Kiss Me Deadly, The New Soft Shoe, Moon Echo Garden, Awesome Quest, Doug McKean, Duo Decibel System, and Non Bruises. These latest studio sessions will yield in a wave of highly anticipated new album releases scheduled for later in 2026.

To preview the upcoming releases, CLE Records will sponsor a live music showcase on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Brother's Lounge (11609 Detroit Ave, Cleveland). The event will feature live performances from five artists: Kiss Me Deadly, Duo Decibel System, Doug McKean, Awesome Quest, and Moon Echo Garden.

"Cleveland has an undeniable, deeply rooted musical legacy that deserves attention," said Jim Ellis, Producer at CLE Records. "At CLE, we hope to raise awareness for the diverse sounds coming out of our city. People come to Cleveland all the time to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and other locations, but may not know they can go out almost any night and catch some great live performances too. We want to change that. We've spent a lot of time capturing great performances at a great studio, and this June 27 showcase at Brother's Lounge is the perfect way to celebrate."

When asked why he's putting out albums on Vinyl, Jim said, "We've lost the art of the album. I mean, what a cool artifact. It's a combination of music, photography, visual arts, and writing all in one object. Even the vinyl pressing itself can be art. They encompass so many different disciplines. We want to bring that back."

CLE Records works with Cleveland based artist and designer David Cintron for visual branding and web design. <https://davecintron.com>

"Cleveland has so much going for it. We want to support the professionals here and quality is really important to me," said Jim. "That's why we've been working with Dave Cintron for our branding and web design as well as recording the music at Suma Recording studio."

CLE Records is also partnering with a class at Ohio University later this year that will give the students an opportunity to develop promotions for the label. CLE is focused on building and supporting the arts community in every aspect.

For more information about the label, upcoming summer release dates, or the June 27 showcase, visit the newly launched website at www.cleworld.biz.

About CLE Records

Founded by CLE zine creator Jim Ellis, CLE Records is a Cleveland-based independent record label. The label provides production, distribution, and promotional support for Cleveland musicians, bridging a gap between local talent and global audiences.

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