

WALT DISNEY RECORDS SWINGS INTO MUSIC STORES WITH GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE SOUNDTRACK

The Presidents of the United States of America perform title track to Walt Disney Pictures' live-action version of classic '60s cartoon

BURBANK, CALIF---In support of Walt Disney Pictures upcoming feature film version of the classic '60s cartoon, *George of the Jungle*, Walt Disney Records is swinging into music stores with the film's soundtrack on June 27. Featuring the newly recorded title track by Grammy-nominated alternative rock band The Presidents of the United States of America, the soundtrack features several tracks from the film and three selections of score by composer Marc Shaiman.

The single by The Presidents of the United States of America was produced by renowned veteran Don Was—winner of the coveted Producer of the Year Grammy Award in 1995. "George of the Jungle" will be worked at multi-format radio in late-June, and an animated music video featuring The Presidents of the United States of America will debut prior to the film's July 18 release date.

The Presidents of the United States of America made a powerful entrance onto the music scene in 1995 with their Top 10, self-titled debut release on Columbia/PopLlama Records. The album certified double-platinum, generated three Top 40 singles ("Lump," "Peaches" and "Kitty") and received a Grammy nomination for Best Alternative Music Performance the following year. In between a world tour late last year, the band recorded and self-produced its follow-up album, *II*, on Columbia Records. The Presidents of the United States of America are Chris Ballew, Dave Dederer and Jason Finn.

In addition to the performance of "George of the Jungle" by The Presidents of the United States of America, the album includes another version of the title track by Weird Al Yankovich. The album also includes Jon Cleese's unique rendition of "My Way" in character as Ape from the film, as well as the classic '60s smash, "Wipe Out," by The Surfaris and "Dela" by South African artists Johnny Clegg and Savuka. Other songs on the soundtrack include "The Man on the Flying Trapeze," "Aba Daba Honeymoon," "Go Ape" and "Jungle Band." The three score pieces by Shaiman include "George to the Rescue," "Rumble in the Jungle" and "The Little Monkey."

The irresistibly charming *George of the Jungle* debuts on the silver screen after his legacy as a '60s cartoon hero. In this tale of valiant rescues, amorous love with beautiful career woman Ursula (Leslie Mann), and the opportunity to live as a human with all the comforts of modern-day life, George (Brendan Fraser) returns

to his jungle abode to fight off loathsome poachers, defending his friendsÑthe wise Ape, the Tookie Tookie bird and his trusty elephant ShepÑin the animal kingdom. In the end, George finds that love conquers all as he regains his rightful position on the throne as King of the Jungle.