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Hudson Music announces the release of historic book/DVD package *The Roots of Rock Drumming*.

New York, NY (September 17, 2013) – Hudson Music is thrilled to announce the release of *The Roots of Rock Drumming*, a book/DVD package that presents a behind-the-scenes look at the origins of rock'n'roll drumming (1948-1965), told by many of the groundbreaking drummers who were there and took part in the creation of the music. This history is presented through the eyes of the players themselves, in detailed interviews with 22 of the men who invented rock drumming.

Featured drummers include Bobby Morris (Louis Prima), Dick Richards (Bill Haley and His Comets), Earl Palmer (Little Richard, New Orleans & LA studio), DJ Fontana (Elvis Presley), JM Van Eaton (Sun Records studio), Buddy Harman (Roy Orbison, Nashville studio), Jerry “J.I.” Allison (Buddy Holly and The Crickets), Hal Blaine (LA studio), Idris Muhammad (Curtis Mayfield, NY Studio), Sam Lay (Paul Butterfield Blues Band, Chicago studio), Bernard Purdie (NY studio), Roger Hawkins (Muscle Shoals studio), Sandy Nelson (drum solo hits), and New Orleans stylists Smokey Johnson and John Boudreaux, along with British rock session players Brian Bennett, Bobby Graham, and Clem Cattini, followed by a younger generation of commentators who witnessed the rise of rock in their youth: Jaimoe, Carmine Appice, Steve Gadd, and Jim Keltner.

In 2001, Hudson Music founders Paul Siegel and Rob Wallis, along with drumming veteran Steve Smith, began conducting documentary-style video interviews with important drummers from rock history. Well-known drummer and historian Daniel Glass has edited these interviews, and conducted some of his own.

“This is easily one of the most significant projects I have been involved with in the thirty years I have been producing instructional drum content,” said Wallis. “For anyone interested in where modern drumming has come from, this should be required reading. And to have the DVD and hear the

drummers talk about their careers and contributions in their own words takes the viewer directly to the source.”

Over 10 years in the making, this is one of the most important historical projects about the art of drumset playing that has ever been produced, and the most complete document of early rock'n'roll drumming. Presented in a coffee-table style with tons of rare photographs in a beautiful layout, this package belongs in the library of anyone with any interest in drumset playing or rock music. In the time since the interviews were conducted, some of these drummers have passed away. As the originators of rock music age, this book, and the interviews it contains, are a time capsule of those early, exciting days of artists like Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, The Crickets, and so many others.

The included DVD contains excerpts from each of the interviews that take the viewer on an engaging, informative, funny, and sometimes poignant trip through the history of rock music. The full interviews will be made available online via hudsonmusic.com. It should be noted that this book contains no music notation, which makes it accessible to an even wider audience.

The Roots of Rock Drumming

Interviews with the Drummers Who Shaped Rock 'n Roll Music Book/DVD Package

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DVD Running Time: 2 hours 55 minutes

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