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BMI GIVES BACK TO NEW JERSEY TAVERN AFFECTED BY SUPERSTORM SANDY

**--BMI SONGWRITER CHRIS BARRON TO PERFORM AT NARDI'S
IN LONG BEACH ISLAND, NJ--**

NEW YORK, NY—May 20, 2013 – Broadcast Music, Inc.® (BMI®), the leading global music rights organization, has partnered with the New Jersey Licensed Beverage Association (NJLBA) to bring in New Jersey native, BMI songwriter and Spin Doctors front man, Chris Barron, for a benefit. The event will take place at the rebuilt and BMI licensed, Nardi's Tavern, in Long Beach Island, New Jersey, on Friday May 31, 2013, at 7:00 PM EST. A five-dollar donation will be requested upon entry to the event, which will go directly to Sandy Relief.

"As a Jersey native, my heart goes out to all the people who were and still are affected by Superstorm Sandy," stated Chris Barron. He added, "I'm glad to have the opportunity to give a little back to the state that gave me so much."

"The Superstorm Sandy benefit at Nardi's is a perfect example of how music is such an integral part of our society and continues to bring people together," commented Michael Steinberg, Senior Vice President of Licensing at BMI. "It is a part of our tradition to support the community and establish lasting relationships. We are proud to sponsor BMI songwriter performances like this one with Chris Barron and to partner with the New Jersey Licensed Beverage Association."

Diane Weiss, Executive Director of the New Jersey Licensed Beverage Association (NJLBA), commented, "For many of our licensees along the Jersey Shore, the past six months had been the most difficult time in their lives. Many of our members suffered great losses as a result of Superstorm Sandy. Both new licensees, and those that were landmarks in the industry for decades, were damaged or destroyed." Weiss went on to say, "Since October, the NJLBA has been working closely with our members, as they restore their bars, taverns and restaurants. Today, through our partnership with BMI, we are proud to recognize the continuing efforts to rebuild the shore and to thank those individuals and organizations that have helped local businesses, such as Nardi's, to ensure that they will again have a strong and prosperous future in New Jersey."

The owner of Nardi's Tavern, John Brennan, stated, "After experiencing firsthand how Superstorm Sandy affected all of our community, I'm grateful and proud to be able to reopen and sponsor this event with BMI to benefit other businesses and individuals still needing help." Many communities hit by Superstorm Sandy have been focusing on renewed growth and positive beginnings. Nardi's Tavern, a restaurant on the water in New Jersey, is well known for its lively music and performances. Affected by Superstorm Sandy in October 2012, the restaurant closed for four months in order to complete the rebuild.

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