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*The SRG/ILS Group completes Its Partnership With The Universal Music Group*

(**Norwalk, CT –** **February 4, 2020**), The SRG/ILS Group started 2020 with a bold move to strengthen its distribution foundation throughout the world by inking a new worldwide distribution partnership with Caroline Distribution, a division of UMG Recordings. UMG Recordings will now represent the growing SRG/ILS repertoire throughout the world.

*“This is the final step in a process of unifying the SRG/ILS labels and artists with UMG global distribution. I would personally like to thank Michael Cantor at the Capitol Music Group for his attention and assistance in this process. This new deal will allow our artist and label to flourish with the strength of UMG Distribution presence in the global music ecosystem.”*  – Claude Villani – President/CEO

2020 will be another record setting year for the SRG/ILS Group with new releases from some of the biggest names in R&B. The highlight of 2020 will be the new release from R&B superstar **Brian McKnight** entitled *Exodus*. Rumored to be Brian’s swansong release, *Exodus* will include the hit singles *“When I’m Gone”* and *“Neva Get Enuf Of U”* alongside future classics.

The year started with the release of *Pulling Off The Covers* from Jazz saxophonist **Mike Phillips**. The collection features interpretations of classic songs including the raucous cover of the Craig Mack classic *“Flava In Ya Ear (remix)”* featuring Stevie Wonder, PJ Morton, Raheem DeVaughn and others.

Later this spring SRG/ILS will release the solo debut from Boyz II Men founding member **Shawn Stockman**. Shawn, alongside collaborators Tim Kelley, Raphael Saadiq, Antonio Dixon, and Erik Blu2th Griggs, wrote and recorded an amazing collection of songs that will surprise and delight all his fans.

SRG/ILS has a lot more on the schedule including one of the year’s most anticipated releases from R&B superstar **Avant**. The new album, his first since 2015, is expected to make a major impact on the genre. Also coming soon, new singles and videos from songstress **Vivian Green** and sultry Hip-Hop/R&B singer and actress **Brave Williams**.

Since the SoNo Recording Group, founded by Claude Villani, and The Independent Label Services Group merged in 2017, the combined companies have grown at an impressive rate both in roster and sales. By the end of 2019 the company’s revenues had more than tripled since the merger. 2020 will continue that trend and will further establish the company as a force in the world-wide music economy.

**ABOUT THE SRG/ILS GROUP**

SRG-ILS is comprised of an independent label, The SoNo Recording Group, and a sub distribution & label services firm both of which through a range of services are dedicated to redefining the relationship between music creators and the marketplace.

The company is headquartered in Norwalk, CT with satellite offices in Los Angeles, CA and Toronto, Canada. The executive staff includes Claude Villani; Group CEO, Michael Cusanelli; General Manager and VP of Sales and Marketing, Dominique Zgarka; Shareholder and Senior Advisor for Distribution Services, Charles Phillips; Key Shareholder and Strategic Advisor, Jay Reason; Label Manager for Creative Services, Craig Davis; VP of A&R and Promotion, Ross Vannelli; Director of Publishing.

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