

January 20, 2009

Paul Green c/o School of Rock Music 630 9th Ave. Suite 602 New York, NY 10035

VIA FAX: 212-582-8047

RE: The School of Rock - Zappa Shows

Dear Paul,

As a general business courtesy, I am forwarding to you the following email, addressed to me, from the attorney for the Zappa family, regarding upcoming shows you are planning.

In the meantime, I have left him a message to advise him that we are no longer representing The School of Rock.

Sincerely,

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Via certified mail and fax

Re:

The Zappa Family Trust/Infringement

Our File No.: 55490

Dear Mr. Forte:

We are attorneys for the Zappa Family Trust.

It recently came to our attention that Napoleon Murphy Brock and the Paul Green School of Rock All-Stars are currently scheduled to perform the music of Frank Zappa at the following venues and dates next month.

February 14, 2009
February 17, 2009
February 18, 2009
February 20, 2009
February 21, 2009
February 22, 2009
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The Black Lodge, Philadelphia, PA
McGuinn's Place, Trenton, NJ
The Garage, Wilmington, DE
The New Barbary, Philadelphia, PA
Sullivan Hall, New York, NY

We understand that this tour is billed as "Napoleon Murphy Brock Performs ZAPPA with the Paul Green School of Rock All-Stars." See <a href="http://www.schoolofrock.com/allstars.php">http://www.schoolofrock.com/allstars.php</a> (last visited January 15, 2009). Please be advised that none of you possess any license, permission or authority to publicly perform the songs of Frank Zappa.

Some or all of the venues at which you have scheduled performances may have obtained from ASCAP blanket licenses to publicly perform musical compositions. Please be advised, however, that even if a given venue has obtained a blanket performance license from ASCAP, such a license does not apply in the context of a "tribute" show

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such as the one now being promoted by your organizations. ASCAP members grant to performance venues only nondramatic public performance rights in their compositions. The blanket licenses issued by ASCAP limit the grant of rights to nondramatic performances and performances of nondramatic works. Any presentation that involves performances of works by Frank Zappa only, or any so-called "tribute" performance, is in the nature of a "revue" and implicates dramatic rights in that composer's works. In addition, many works by Frank Zappa are inherently dramatic in nature. If you have questions concerning an ASCAP license, we suggest that you contact ASCAP directly – ASCAP's toll-free number is 800-505-4052.

Any performance by Napoleon Murphy Brock and/or Paul Green School of Rock All-Stars of Mr. Zappa's works in such a Frank Zappa "tribute" show is unauthorized and unlicensed. Any such unlicensed public performance of a Frank Zappa composition would constitute copyright infringement.

Also please be aware that any unauthorized use of the name "Zappa" or "Frank Zappa" in advertising or promoting your shows may constitute a violation of trademarks and/or publicity rights belonging exclusively to the Zappa Family Trust, and may mislead the concert and associated marketing materials are sponsored by or associated with Frank Zappa or his estate, and therefore may also be actionable under the Lanham Act as a false representation of origin.

Accordingly, the Zappa Family Trust hereby demands that your band and its members immediately cease and desist from publicly performing Frank Zappa compositions without obtaining the appropriate licenses from the Zappa Family Trust. The Zappa Family Trust also hereby demands that your organizations cease using the Zappa name without authorization from the Zappa Family Trust.

Our client will consider every available remedy, including without limitation, injunctions and recovery of attorneys' fees, costs and any and all other damages which are incurred by our client as a result of any action that is commenced against you.

Please confirm your intent to comply with the above, within seven (7) days from the date of this letter. Of course, nothing contained in or omitted from this letter is, or shall be deemed to be, either a full statement of the facts or applicable law, an admission of any fact, or a waiver or limitation of any of our client's rights or remedies, all of which are specifically retained and reserved.

If you would like to discuss obtaining a license from the Zappa Family Trust to publicly perform Frank Zappa's works from the Zappa Family Trust, you may do so by

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contacting me. Please note that the grant of any such license will not be given without the Zappa Family Trust obtaining a set list of the Frank Zappa compositions to be publicly performed by Napoleon Murphy Brock and/or the Paul Green School of Rock All-Stars at the scheduled performances.

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cc: Gail Zappa (by email)