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St. Joseph's Own **Art Gomperz Band Joins Ra Ra Riot,
Melissa Auf der Maur, Flying Lotus,
Jim Campilongo, Jackson Browne and David Lindley
As Nominees for The 10th Independent Music Awards**

More Than 300 Self-Released and Independent Label Talent Nominated

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February 14, 2011 – St. Joseph based Art Gomperz Band join **Ra Ra Riot, Melissa Auf der Maur, Flying Lotus, Hemoptysis, Darrell Scott, Jim Campilongo, Jackson Browne and David Lindley** and other self-released and independent label talent as Nominees for **The 10th Independent Music Awards** (The IMAs), the influential awards program for independent bands and fans.

Representing the broad spectrum of today's global independent music scene, the more than 300 Nominees in nearly 70 Song, Album, Music Video and Design categories were culled from submissions from North America, South America, Asia, Australia and Europe.

Known for celebrating artists that follow their own muse, The 10th IMA Nominees are an eclectic mix of rising stars including **Strawfoot** (Alt. Country Song), **Hemoptysis** (Metal/Hardcore Song), and **Pokey LaFarge and the South City Three** (Americana Album) and established talent including telecaster virtuoso, **Jim Campilongo** (Instrumental Album), experimental multi-genre artist, **Flying Lotus** (Music Video and Dance/Electronic Song), and indie rockers, **Ra Ra Riot** (Pop/Rock Album). Perhaps better known as major label acts, this year's Nominees strutting their independence include former Hole bassist, **Melissa Auf der Maur** (Indie/Alt./Hard Rock Album), and songwriting legend **Jackson Browne with David Lindley** (Live Performance Album).

Winners will be determined by a panel of 62 influential artist and industry judges including **Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan, Suzanne Vega, Aimee Mann, Pete Wentz, Bettye LaVette, Seal, Adam Duritz, Ozzy Osbourne, Arturo Sandoval, Martin Atkins, Andrew W. K., Shelby Lynne, Kevin Lyman** (Warped Tour), **Bill Bragin** (Lincoln Center), **Anthony DeCurtis** (Rolling Stone), **Pat McGuire** (Filter Magazine) and **Evan Schlansky** (American Songwriter) and will be announced in mid-March 2011. Music fans have until July 11 to cast their votes at The IMA Vox Pop Jukebox to determine the fan-selected IMA Winners.

Hear the music of all Nominees at:
<http://www.independentmusicawards.com/imanominee/10th/album>

Artistry Has Its Awards

Celebrating the democracy of creativity and meritocracy of talent, The Independent Music Awards honor exceptional independent artists who are, traditionally ignored by mass media and big box retailers. For the past 10 years, artists and labels from around the world have found new fans and prominence through The Independent Music Awards. Produced by Music Resource Group, publisher of the popular industry networking database The

Musician's AtlasOnline, and producers of the original webTV series, Grooveable Feast, The IMAs use its unrivaled access to performance, promotion & distribution opportunities to connect Winners and Nominees to new audiences and revenue opportunities. Earning IMA honors goes beyond a badge of distinction. Artists credit The IMAs with increasing recognition among music fans and industry gatekeepers.

Past winners and nominees include: **And You Will Know Us By The Trail of Dead, Cursive, fun., The Flatlanders, Spinnerette, Holly GoLightly & The Brokeoffs, Vienna Teng, The So So Glos, Cephas & Wiggins, The Matches, All That Remains, The Cliks, Oran Etkin, State Radio, Lee "Scratch Perry, The Very Best, Tim Easton, Marco Benevento, Kes The Band, Jamie Lidell, Lacuna Coil, The Trews, Joan As Police Woman; Koko Taylor, Miguel Migs; Speech, God Forbid, Lionel Loueke; Jeff Healey, Johnny Dowd, Chris Whitley, Ike Turner, The Apples in stereo, Mary Gauthier, Jennifer Nettles (Sugarland), The Mooney Suzuki, and Denque Fever** among many others.

Submissions for The 11th Independent Music Awards will open in March.

Nominees For The 10th Annual IMAs For Americana Song:

Section	Category	Artist/Band/Designer/Photographer	Song/Album/Project Name
Song	Americana	Art Gomperz Band featuring Jenna Mamminna	Dont Worry Anymore
Song	Americana	Erika Chambers	The War
Song	Americana	Hymn For Her	Grave
Song	Americana	Pokey LaFarge and The South City Three	Claude Jones
Song	Americana	The Dustbowl Revival	Dans Jam