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**RELIENT K CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY WITH
THE BIRD AND THE BEE SIDES EP,
SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1st RELEASE ON GOTEE RECORDS**

**26-Track EP Includes 13 Brand New Songs Plus Career-Spanning Collection
Of B-Sides; Online Scavenger Hunt Kicks Off June 16th,
Giving Fans A Chance To Download Additional B-sides For Free**

Band Co-Headlines Vans Warped Tour '08, Kicking Off June 20th

Relient K's *The Bird and the Bee Sides* – scheduled for July 1st release by Gotee Records – is by far the most ambitious EP of the band's career. In fact, with 26 songs (including 13 brand new ones) and a running time of 70 minutes, it may be one of the most ambitious EPs ever released, period. And, as improbable as it sounds, there's still more: Prior to street date, **Relient K** will launch an online scavenger hunt that will give fans a chance to download numerous b-sides that will *not* be included on the disc. The hunt begins June 16th at the band's MySpace site and will continue through June 30th. For additional information and clues, visit:

<http://www.myspace.com/relientk>

The band typically releases an EP between studio albums. So following ***Five Score And Seven Years Ago*** – which debuted at #6 on The *Billboard* 200 in 2007, becoming **Relient K's** highest charting album to date – the guys decided to make their latest EP something of an alternate career retrospective, comprised of b-sides, demos and other rarities from its 10 year history.

"We were just trying to think of what our fans would want from a b-sides record," explains lead singer/guitarist/pianist **Matt Thiessen**. "We're like, they probably just want everything – so let's try to give it to them." Along the way, the band decided to include some new tracks, a concept that quickly morphed into "hey, why doesn't everybody in the band write a song?"

Thus the EP begins with a baker's dozen of original new tunes collected under the moniker of ***The Nashville Tennis EP***. With all five members writing and taking turns on lead vocals, it's perhaps **Relient K's** most diverse effort to date, including **Thiessen's** alt-country "**At Least We Made It This Far**," bassist **John Warne's** "**The Last, The Lost, The Least**," which is explosive both sonically and in its social commentary, and new drummer **Ethan Luck's** punk rock reggae "**No Reaction**," to name but a few highlights.

Working in a Spring Hill, TN studio with producer Mark Lee Townsend and mix engineer J.R. McNeely, the team behind the boards for 2004's *mmhmm*, **Relient K** laid down the new tracks and raided its archives, remixing and re-mastering the 13 songs that comprise the second half of the EP,

The Bird and the Bee Sides. There are tunes from *The Vinyl Countdown*, *The Employee Of The Month EP*, *The Creepy EP*, and, as **Thiessen** puts it, "a ton of other stuff that you can't even find on the internet – at least not yet." Rarities include several demos ("**Here I Go**," "**The Stenographer**" and "**Jefferson Aeroplane**"), "**Hope For Every Fallen Man**," a b-side from the *Five Score and Seven Years Ago* sessions, and an acoustic version of the Top 20 hit single "**Who I Am Hates Who I've Been**."

Tapped as a co-headliner for the Vans Warped Tour '08, **Relient K** is eager to get back on the road. "This is the first time we've been out for the entire endeavor – it's going to be a blast," says **Thiessen**, who relishes the Warped tour's "hot, dirty summercamp awesomeness." They'll be bringing along a representative from Blood:Water Mission <http://www.bloodwatermission.com/>, a non-profit organization working to promote clean blood and clean water efforts in Africa, tangibly reducing the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic while addressing the underlying issues of poverty, injustice and oppression.

The track listing for **The Bird and the Bee Sides** is as follows:

1. Where Do I Go From Here
2. The Scene And Herd
3. At Least We Made It This Far
4. The Last, The Lost, The Least
5. The Lining Is Silver
6. There Was No Thief
7. No Reaction
8. Curl Up And Die
9. You'll Always Be My Best Friend
10. There Was Another Time In My Life
11. Beaming
12. I Just Want You To Know
13. Bee Your Man
14. Up And Up (Acoustic)
15. Wit's All Been Done Before
16. The Vinyl Countdown
17. For The Band
18. Nothing Without You
19. A Penny Loafer Saved Is A Penny Loafer Earned
20. Five Iron Frenzy Is Either Dead Or Dying
21. Five Iron Frenzy Is Either Dead Or Dying (Ska Version)
22. Who I Am Hates Who I've Been (Acoustic)
23. Here I Go (Demo)
24. The Stenographer (Demo)
25. Jefferson Aeroplane (Demo)
26. Hope For Every Fallen Man (Acoustic)

RELIENT K/ VANS WARPED TOUR '08 DATES

June

20	Pomona, CA	Fairplex Park
21	San Francisco, CA	Pier 30/32
22	Ventura, CA	Seaside Park
25	Phoenix, AZ	Cricket Wireless Pavilion

26	Las Cruces, NM	New Mexico State University – Intramural Field
28	Salt Lake City, UT	Utah State Fair
29	Denver, CO	Invesco Field At Mile High

July

1	Maryland Heights, MO	Verizon Wireless Amphitheater St. Louis
2	Bonner Springs, KS	Verizon Wireless Amphitheater
3	Dallas, TX	Superpages.com Center
5	Selma, TX	Verizon Wireless Amphitheater
6	Houston, TX	Sam Houston Race Park
9	Atlanta, GA	Lakewood Exhibition Center
10	Orlando, FL	Central Florida Fairgrounds
11	St. Petersburg, FL	Vinoy Park
12	Miami, FL	Bicentennial Park
13	Elkton, FL	St. Johns County Fairgrounds
14	Charlotte, NC	Verizon Wireless Amphitheater
15	Virginia Beach, VA	Verizon Wireless Amphitheater
16	Columbia, MD	Merriweather Post Pavilion
17	Cleveland, OH	Time Warner Cable Amphitheater at Tower City
18	Detroit, MI	Comerica Park
19	Toronto, ON	Downsview Park Allen Road
20	Montreal, QC	Park Jean Drapeau
23	Mansfield, MA	Tweeter Center for the Performing Arts
24	Darien Center, NY	Darien Lake P.A.C.
25	Camden, NJ	Susquehanna Bank Center
26	Uniondale, NY	Nassau Coliseum
27	Scranton, PA	Toyota Pavilion
28	Englishtown, NJ	Raceway Park
29	Pittsburgh, PA	Post Gazette Pavilion At Star Lake
30	Cincinnati, OH	Riverbend Amphitheatre
31	Noblesville, IN	Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre

August

1	Milwaukee, WI	Marcus Amphitheater
2	Tinley Park, IL	First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre
3	Shakopee, MN	Canterbury Park
5	Saskatoon, SK	Credit Union Centre
6	Calgary, AB	Race City Speedway
8	Nampa, ID	Idaho Center Amphitheatre
9	George, WA	Gorge Amphitheatre
10	St. Helens, OR	Columbia Meadows
13	Fresno, CA	Save Mart Center
14	Chula Vista, CA	Coors Amphitheater
15	Mountain View, CA	Shoreline Amphitheatre
16	Marysville, CA	Sleep Train Amphitheatre
17	Carson, CA	The Home Depot Center

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