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**Student Entertainment Events Presents: Cute is What We Aim For and Cobra Starship**

Student Entertainment Events is pleased to announce Cute is What We Aim For and Cobra Starship as the first musical arts show of the new semester on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors for the Welcome Back: Remix show will open at 7 p.m. and the event will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Adele H. Stamp Student Union. Tickets are \$10 with a UM ID and \$15 for general admission. Tickets are now available for purchase at the Hoff Ticket Office the Stamp Student Union.

In January 2005, the four-person pop posse Cute is What We Aim For formed in an effort to give a unique twist to the modern easy rock atmosphere. Their vehicle for doing so quickly became the internet. Teens nationwide recognized Cute's somewhat amateur recordings posted on Myspace and Purevolume as something special, and their popularity spread like fire. The Buffalo, NY-based band made up of singer Shaant Hacikyan, guitarist Jeff Czum, bassist Fred Cimato and drummer Tom Falcone decided to meet their online-listeners' expectations by performing live. In spring 2005, they won Purevolume's online Battle of the Bands Competition and landed an esteemed spot at NJ's biggest annual music festival, Bamboozle.

After continued touring and recording, the record label Fueled by Ramen adopted Cute to its family and the band released its debut record *THE SAME OLD BLOOD RUSH WITH A NEW TOUCH*. Catchy tunes are paired with clever and thoughtful lyrics as Hacikyan's passions are fueled not only by singing but songwriting as well. The record's hit songs "Curse of Curves" and "There's a Class For This" kept feet tapping and heads bopping throughout the country as Cute performed in the annual international music festival Warped Tour this summer.

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Cobra Starship formed in 2005 with singer Gabe Saporta, Ryland Blackinton, Alex Suarez, Nate Navaro and Elisa Schwartz in New York City. In 2006 they released the song “Snakes on a Plane (Bring It),” which was later picked up by the hit film with the same name. As popularity continued to flood the group signed to the Fueled by Ramen label and began to tour. In October the band released the record *While the City Sleeps, We Rule the Streets*, which reached number one on the US Billboard Top Heatseekers Chart. Recently, Schwartz was replaced as keyboard player and guitarist by Victoria Asher, and since the band has gone on to work for TV and movie soundtracks, as well as continue with their touring for their record.

To arrange an interview or receive more press information, including press passes and interview requests, please contact Maggy Baccinelli, the Student Entertainment Events’ Public Relations Director at (301)-314-8498 or via e-mail. When submitting a request include your name, press affiliation, and contact information.

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