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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

GEOFF TATE and SUSAN TATE, a married couple,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Defendants.

EDDIE JACKSON and TERESA GOLDEN-JACKSON, a married couple; SCOTT ROCKENFIELD and MISTY ROCKENFIELD, a married couple; MICHAEL WILTON and KERRIE LYNN WILTON, a married couple; TRI-RYCHE, CORPORATION, a Washington corporation; QUEENSRYCHE MERCHANDISING, INC., a Washington corporation; and MELODISC LTD., a Washington corporation,

Geoff Tate declares as follows:

1. I am the plaintiff in this lawsuit. I am over 18, competent to give testimony, and base this declaration on personal knowledge.

The Formation of Queensryche

2. I grew up in Tacoma, and moved to Seattle in 1978, when I was 19.

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- 3. I began playing piano when I was 9. I was writing music shortly after that. I played in my first rock band when I was 17, and was a lead singer when I was 18. I loved writing songs and playing music. I knew this was what I wanted to do with my life.
- 4. I first met Chris DeGarmo in 1979, when I was around 20. He was a guitarist in a local rock band. I met bassist Eddie Jackson and guitarist Michael Wilton next. They were playing in a local rock trio with drummer Scott Rockenfield. Soon, Chris joined the trio, and asked me to join, too. I did. We called ourselves "The Mob." We were strictly a cover band. But I wanted to write my own material. So after about a year, I left The Mob.
- 5. A short time later, around 1981, DeGarmo told me that, with help from Wilton, he had written three songs, and they wanted me to sing them for a demo they wanted to send to record companies. I agreed. The five of us pooled together what little money we had and recorded the demo at a studio in Redmond.
- 6. No label was interested in producing the songs on the demo so we formed a record label ourselves and produced the demo as an EP. We also changed the name of the band to Queensryche after a song on the demo, "Queen of the Ryche." We sold 60,000 copies of the EP worldwide. Record companies then became interested in Queensryche, and we signed with EMI, a major label.

During the EMI Years, DeGarmo and I Wrote Most Queensryche Songs

- 7. From approximately 1983 to 1997, we released seven records with EMI, starting with a re-release of the EP and then six full-length albums, <u>The Warning</u>, <u>Rage for</u> Order, Operation: Mindcrime, <u>Empire</u>, <u>Promised Land</u>, and <u>Hear in the Now Frontier</u>.
- 8. In the music industry, songwriters get publishing credit and royalties for songwriting, and will get partial credit and a percentage of the royalties if they co-wrote the song. Like all other bands, Queensryche kept records of percentages of songwriting credit given to band members for each song the band released. Throughout our career, I kept track of

this information for Queensryche. A copy of a spreadsheet that was prepared that accurately reflects the songwriting credit for each song produced by Queensryche is attached hereto as Exhibit A. As this spreadsheet shows, in the beginning, DeGarmo, Wilton, and I worked together on songwriting. For the first full-length album, The Warning, which had nine songs, I received 50 percent of the songwriting credit for five songs and 33 percent for two other songs. DeGarmo received 100 percent for one song, 50 percent for two songs, and 33 percent for two other songs. Wilton received 100 percent for one song, 50 percent for three songs, and 33 percent for two songs. Rockenfield and Jackson did not write songs and received no songwriting credit.

- 9. In 1988, Queensryche released its third full-length album, Operation: Mindcrime. It was a "concept" album, a "rock opera," I conceived of about Nikki, a fictional character who becomes disillusioned with society and joins a revolutionary group. It became Queensryche's second most popular album, going platinum and selling a million copies. Its popularity also reignited interest in prior albums, causing those to all go gold, each selling over 500,000 copies. Operation: Mindcrime included 14 songs. I received songwriting credit for 11 of the songs, 50 percent for ten and 33 percent for an eleventh song. The only songs for which I received no credit were three songs that were written by DeGarmo. Wilton received partial credit for six of the songs I co-wrote.
- 10. In 1990, after <u>Operation: Mindcrime</u>, Queensryche released <u>Empire</u>, its most popular album. It went triple platinum, selling three million copies, and included the song "Silent Lucidity," which reached number nine on the Billboard Top Ten pop chart and won an MTV music award. There were 11 songs on the album. I received songwriting credit either 50 percent or 33 percent on 8 songs. Wilton received 50 percent songwriting credit for three songs, and 33 percent songwriting credit for two songs on that album.
- 11. After <u>Empire</u>, however, Wilton's role in songwriting diminished significantly, leaving DeGarmo and me as the songwriters for the band. <u>Promised Land</u>, which followed

Empire and was released in 1994, had 11 songs. I received 50 percent songwriting credit for five songs, 25 percent credit for one song, and 20 percent credit for another. Wilton received 25 percent credit for one song, and 20 percent for another. Promised Land was also an unusual instance in which Rockenfield and Jackson received any credit, with Rockenfield getting 100 percent credit for one song and Jackson getting 20 percent credit for one song.

DeGarmo Leaves Queensryche

- 12. In 1997, Queensryche released <u>Hear in the Now Frontier</u>, its last album under the EMI label. For me, it was important that each album have a theme, a concept. By this time, it had become important to our audience, too, who had come to expect and look forward to it. To this point, I had thought up the theme for every album but, for <u>Hear in the Now Frontier</u>, DeGarmo came up with the concept. But I was still very much involved in songwriting. The album had 15 songs. Aside from minimal involvement by Wilton, partial credit for one song, Jackson, partial credit for two songs, and Rockenfield, partial credit for one song, DeGarmo and I received all the songwriting credit.
- 13. By the time, tension over songwriting royalties was becoming a big problem within the band. Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton had been complaining for years, but it now reached a fever pitch. Fed up over that, and some other things, DeGarmo quit. DeGarmo's departure was devastating. He was a songwriter and guitarist and was in many ways the business leader of the band. But Queensryche was my life, and I was committed to the band. I also believed that, with the right replacement for DeGarmo, Queensryche could continue to produce quality music for its fans while also providing a living for the band.

My Role at Queensryche Continues to Grow After DeGarmo Left

14. Kelly Gray, a guitarist, songwriter, and producer I knew for years, replaced DeGarmo as a guitarist and songwriter for Queensryche. Gray was aware of the tension over songwriting credit. So for our next album, <u>Q2K</u>, we agreed that we would all share

songwriting credit equally. But it did not motivate Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton to contribute to songwriting.

- 15. In 2006, Queensryche released <u>Operation: Mindcrime II</u>. We had added Michael Stone as a guitarist and songwriter and now added Jason Slater, who played bass but was also a songwriter and record producer. Slater, Stone, and I wrote most of the songs for the album. I received partial songwriting credit for 15 of the 16 songs on the album. Wilton received some credit for three songs, but his involvement was minimal. For one song, he added one note. Jackson received minimal credit for two songs. Rockenfield received none.
- 16. At this point, Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton stopped recording with the band. Rockenfield did not even try to play his parts. A session musician had to be hired to play the drum tracks for Operation: Mindcrime II. To prevent negative press for the album, the session musician signed an agreement saying he would not disclose that he had played the tracks. Wilton and Jackson showed up but they did not know the material. Ultimately, none of what Wilton recorded could be used for the album, and another session musician had to be hired to play his parts. That musician also signed an agreement saying he would not disclose that he had played Wilton's parts on the album.
- 17. In addition, Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton stopped supporting Queensryche records and tours. As the lead singer and song writer, I recognized I was the "face" and voice of the band, and was very active in marketing Queensryche's records and tours. I would show up anywhere, anytime, to give an interview or do a promotion. For the first albums, Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton did interviews and promotions. But now they would do one or two interviews or promotions for an album or a tour, and that was it. This would continue for years to come. Indeed, Wilton began disparaging the albums on the internet.
- 18. In 2009, Queensryche released <u>American Soldier</u>. It was a concept album conceived by my wife and me honoring soldiers, based on my interviews of hundreds of soldiers. I wrote the songs with Slater and Gray, who rejoined the band as a producer.

Jackson and Wilton did not help in writing any tracks. Rockenfield did get 30 percent songwriting credit for two songs. But he did not co-write the songs. Instead, the two songs had been previously written by Gray as demos, before they were recorded as tracks on American Soldier, and Rockenfield had played drums on the demos. To appease him, we gave him 30 percent credit for the two songs.

- 19. Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton were also uninvolved and uninterested in the recording of <u>American Soldier</u>. They showed up only once or twice and played a few partial tracks for the record. Another guitarist had to play Wilton's other parts, and the producer had to do a lot of heavy editing with the little amount of material Rockenfield and Jackson provided in order to complete the record.
- 20. In total, Queensryche has sold between 25 and 30 million albums. Of the 145 songs released by the band, I co-wrote 117, or 81 percent of them. Rockenfield wrote one song and co-wrote 32, 22 percent of the songs. Jackson co-wrote 25, or 17 percent, of the songs. Wilton wrote one song and co-wrote 50, or 34 percent of the songs. I have co-written more songs than the other three band members combined. I receive 33.66 percent of the royalties, while Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton receive 6.60, 4.64, and 12.55 percent of the royalties.

Corporate Structure for Queensryche

- 21. In 1989, as Queensryche's popularity grew due to the release of <u>Operation</u>: <u>Minderime</u>, DeGarmo's father-in-law, who was in finance, suggested that we create companies. We hired lawyers, and they ultimately formed three different companies.
- 22. The first was Tri-Ryche Corporation, which was incorporated in Washington on August 30, 1989. The purpose of Tri-Ryche was to own the intellectual property of Oueensryche, including the name of the band. Just to make sure that Tri-Ryche owned the

band name, in 1994, our lawyers had us sign a Shareholder's Agreement. A true and correct copy of that agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 23. The second was Melodisc Ltd., which was incorporated in Washington on June 3, 1991. The purpose of this company was to own and control the publishing rights to Oueensryche music.
- 24. The third was Queensryche Merchandising, Inc., which was incorporated in Washington on October 28, 1996. The purpose of this company was to control the sale of Queensryche merchandise.
- 25. Originally, DeGarmo, Rockenfield, Jackson, Wilton, and I owned 20 percent of each company. We were also the directors and officers of the companies. When DeGarmo chose to leave the band in 1998, the four remaining band members received his shares. So Rockenfield, Jackson, Wilton, and I now own 25 percent of each company.

Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton Fire The Band Manager and Merchandise Director

- 26. By early February 2012, Queensryche had ended its tour in support of its last album, <u>Dedicated to Chaos</u>. Our contract with our record label was over. Our band manager for many years, my wife Susan Tate, was in negotiations with two record companies that were interested in signing Queensryche.
- 27. Susan asked for a meeting of the band to discuss the future plans for Queensryche. At the meeting, Susan explained that she had booked seven shows for Queensryche. For each show, Queensryche would receive between \$35,000 and \$60,000. We also agreed that the band members could do some solo projects. We also agreed that, in late 2012, we would reunite and begin re-recording Operation: Minderime for an early 2013 release to celebrate the 25th anniversary of that album.
- 28. During the meeting, Rockenfield asked Susan to leave the room. She did and Rockenfield said he wanted to talk about Queensryche's merchandise business. Since 1996,

when Queensryche Merchandising, Inc. was formed, Queensryche has handled the sale of merchandise. Susan has run the business with her daughter Miranda. It was profitable and has been a significant source of profit for the band. Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton had never complained about how merchandise sales were handled before. But now, without explaining why, Jackson, Wilton, and Rockenfield said they wanted to hire another company to handle the sale of Queensryche merchandise. Without telling Susan or me, Rockenfield had gone to another company, Showtec, and asked for a bid to sell Queensryche merchandise. Showtec had given Rockenfield the bid and, at the meeting, he showed it to us. We agreed to look at it.

- 29. After the meeting, Susan and I and Queensryche's accountant/lawyer looked closely at what Showtec proposed. The offer was terrible for Queensryche. Queensryche would have to pay Showtec 40 percent of the profits made from the sale of merchandise. Queensryche made far more profit selling merchandise through Queensryche Merchandising, Inc. Jackson, Wilton, and Rockenfield were told this, but they insisted on hiring a company to handle the sale of merchandise. To prevent further arguing, Susan went out and found another company, Tinman, which could sell Queensryche merchandise at less cost than Showtec.
- 30. On April 14, 2012, I was in Sao Paolo, Brazil for a Queensryche show. Before going on stage, Rockenfield, Wilton, Jackson and I had a meeting. They told me that they had had a meeting (without me) and just emailed a letter to Queensryche's accountant/lawyer stating that they had fired Susan, Queensryche's long-time manager, Miranda, Queensryche's merchandising director, and Chris Zukas, a guitar tech for Queensryche who was married to Miranda. I was stunned. I had no idea they were so unhappy with Susan and Miranda. In addition, I was upset by the heartless way they did it, particularly Susan who had successfully managed the band for years. It was then clear to me why they had wanted to hire Showtec, so they could fire Susan and Miranda.
- 31. I asked him whether I was next. Rockenfield said "no." But a few minutes before the curtain went up, while we were on stage, Rockenfield looked at me, and said "I fired

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your wife, I fired your daughter and your son-in-law, and you're next." I became very upset. I went after Rockenfield and tried to hit him but, before I could land a punch, the stage crew grabbed me. The crew let go of me, but I was still very upset. As I was walking to the front of the stage to begin the concert, I passed Wilton, and pushed him. Although I remain upset with Rockenfield and Wilton, I regret losing my temper in this way. The four of us went on with the concert as planned. We then performed two other shows together, one on May 12 and the other on May 27. Queensryche was paid about \$60,000 a show.

32. On May 29, 2012, Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton announced they were forming a band, Rising West. The singer was Todd La Torre.

Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton Kick Me Out of Queensryche and Demand I Sell Them My Shares in Queensryche

On May 31, 2012, the lawyer for Rockenfield, Wilton, and Jackson sent a letter 33. to my lawyer. A copy of that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit C. He said that Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton would not perform with me again. He also told me that unless I accepted a lowball offer, Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton would vote me out of Queensryche. I rejected the offer. Queensryche has been my life's work for 30 years. I have been the voice, the face, the words, and the heart of Queensryche. When we formed Queensryche, I expected we would remain together forever. I never thought Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton would unilaterally decide that I was no longer in the band. And I cannot see how Queensryche can successfully continue without me. Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton do not and cannot write nearly enough music for a new album every year or two. And without a new album every year or two, bands like Queensryche cannot tour or sell merchandise. In addition, Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton did not contribute enough to promote Queensryche albums or tours. Forcing me out was a particularly short-sighted business decision given these tough economic times, where fans have less money and can go to fewer concerts. Fans are more likely to use what little disposable income they have to see a band with its original lineup, rather than one

with a new lead singer. I was shocked by the decision, shaken to the core, but, as upset as I was, I could not agree to their demand. My attorney responded that I would not quit the band. A copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit D.

- 34. On June 5, 2012, Rockenfield, Wilton, and Jackson held a meeting and voted me out of the band and demanded that I sell my shares in the Queensryche companies back to them. After the meeting, I was sent the minutes. A true and correct copy of what I received is attached hereto as Exhibit E.
- 35. On June 11, 2012, Queensryche was scheduled to perform a concert in Salt Lake City. It had been booked by Susan. A few days before the show, however, I was told that Rockenfield, Wilton, and Jackson would not perform with me. Refusing to play shows destroys Queensryche's reputation in the music industry. It burns the promoters who booked the shows, some of whom had been working with Queensryche for years. It also alienates fans who had purchased tickets for the shows, were looking forward to the concerts, and now might not get full refunds. I was committed to doing what I could to stop this from happening. We called the promoter and I volunteered to play the concert without Rockenfield, Jackson, or Wilton. The promoter agreed, and I played the show.
- 36. On June 18, 2012, a music agent hired by Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton sent an email to promoters saying he was booking shows for Queensryche. A copy of the email sent by Mr. Lee to promoters is attached hereto as Exhibit F. He did not disclose that I would not be part of the tour.
- 37. On June 20, 2012, Rockenfield issued a press release, allegedly on behalf of Queensryche, to Billboard. A copy of that article is attached hereto as Exhibit G. I was not told the press release would be issued, or asked to contribute to what it said. The release said that there had been "growing creative differences within Queensryche" and that "we hoped to find a common resolution, but in the end parting ways with Geoff was the best way for everyone to move forward in a positive direction." The release said that Todd La Torre was

the new lead singer for Queensryche, touring was on hold, and a concert on August 10 had been canceled. What Rockenfield said about the band break up was untrue. There were no "creative differences" between Rockenfield, Jackson, Wilton, and me. They were not active in the creative process, so how could there be "creative differences"? They also made no effort to reach a "common resolution" before they demanded that I leave the band. Also, I learned that, this summer, they are going forward with one concert, the Halfway Jam in Minnesota. And in its advertisements for the concert, the Halfway Jam is showing a photograph of Queensryche with me as the lead singer.

38. That same day, Pollstar, an industry guide for concerts and touring that is closely followed by professionals in the music industry, sent out a mass email. A copy of the email is attached hereto as Exhibit H. The email, entitled "Queensryche Announce New Lineup," repeated what was said in the Billboard article.

Rockenfield, Jackson, and Wilton's Actions Are Causing Significant Harm to Queensryche

- 39. Rockenfield, Wilton, and Jackson are causing significant harm to the Queensryche name and brand that I have worked so hard to create and maintain. To my knowledge, they have not signed the merchandising agreement with Tinman, or hired anyone to replace Miranda and Susan to handle merchandising. For the first time in years, Queensryche is selling no merchandise and fans cannot place new orders, which is causing significant losses for the band. A copy of an email we received from Tinman about this is attached as Exhibit I.
- 40. Rockenfield, Wilton, and Jackson are burning bridges with promoters by canceling shows that have been booked. I have been working with promoters for 30 years. Based on this experience, it is my opinion that these promoters will be less willing to work with Queensryche in the future. Canceling shows also alienates fans who purchased tickets for these shows, were looking forward to the concerts, and who may not receive full refunds.

Making matters worse, it seems that fans who are buying tickets for the Halfway Jam mistakenly believe that I will be performing with the band.

- 41. By firing me without a valid reason, and touring as Queensryche without me, the lead singer, songwriter, and face of the band for the last 30 years, they are hurting the value of the band. I cannot think of a single promoter who would book Queensryche at the same venues or at the same fees with Mr. La Torre as the lead singer. For the shows that were booked for 2012, Queensryche was getting paid between \$35,000 and \$60,000 a show. I do not know a single promoter that would pay that for Queensryche now. I do not even know a single promoter that would book Queensryche with this line up.
- 42. Plus, choosing to air the dispute between us publicly by issuing press releases that are untrue paints Queensryche in a bad light.
- 43. Finally, kicking me out of the band and firing Susan ended Susan's negotiations with recording labels. No record label I know of will sign Queensryche now.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington this $\frac{27}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$, 2012 that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Exhibit A

Exhibit A - Queensryche Songwriting Credit Distribution

| Album | Song | Tate | Jackson | Rockenfield | Wilton | DeGarmo ¹ | Carrell ¹ | Gane ¹ | Gray ¹ | Johnson ¹ | Kamen ¹ | Slater ¹ | Stone ¹ | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| EP | Queen of the Reich | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| EP | Blinded | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| EP | Nightrider | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| EP | The Lady Wore Black | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| EP | Prophecy | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | Warning | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | Enforce | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | Deliverance | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | No Sanctuary | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | NM156 | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | Take Hold of Fame | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | Before the Storm | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | Child of Fire | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Warning | Road to Madness | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | Walk in the Shadows | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | I Dream In Infrared | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | The Whisper | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | The Killing Words | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | Surgical Strike | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | Neue Regel | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | Chemical Youth | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | London | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | Screaming in Digital | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Rage for Order | I Will Remember | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | I Will Remember Now/Anarch X | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Revolution Calling | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Operation: Mindcrime | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Speak | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Spreading the Disease | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | The Mission | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Suite Sister Mary | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | The Needle Lies | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Electric Requiem | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Breaking the Silence | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | I Don't Believe in Love | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Waiting for 22 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | My Empty Room | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation: MindCrime | Eyes of a Stranger | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Best I Can | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | The Thin Line | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Jet City Woman | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Della Brown | 33.33% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Another Rainy Night | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Empire | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Resistance | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Silent Lucidity | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Hand on Heart | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | One And Only | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Empire | Anybody Listening | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| The Adventures of Ford Fairlane | Last Time in Paris | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |

¹ DeGarmo, Carrell, Gane, Gray, Johnson, Slater and Stone are either session musicians or former band members with songwriting credit who are not current band members nor parties to this lawsuit. Kamen was a film score composer who collaborated with the band on one song for the motion picture <u>Last Action Hero</u>.

Exhibit A - Queensryche Songwriting Credit Distribution

| Album | Song | Tate | Jackson | Rockenfield | Wilton | DeGarmo ¹ | Carrell ¹ | Gane ¹ | Grav ¹ | Johnson ¹ | Kamen ¹ | Slater ¹ | Stone ¹ | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Promised Land | 9:28am | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | I Am I | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | Damaged | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | Out of Mind | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | Bridge | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | Promised Land | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | Disconnected | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | Lady Jane | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | My Global Mind | 25.00% | 0.00% | 25.00% | 25.00% | 25.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | One More Time | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Promised Land | Someone Else? | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Sign of the Times | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Cuckoo's Nest | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Get a Life | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | The Voice Inside | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Some People Fly | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Saved | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | You | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Hero | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Miles Away | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Reach | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | All I want | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Hit the Black | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Anytime/Anywhere | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | sp00L | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Hear in the Now Frontier | Chasing Blue Sky | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Falling Down | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | One Life | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Sacred Grownd | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | When the Rain Comes | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | How Could I | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Besie You | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Liquid Sky | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Breakdown | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Burning Man | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Wot Kinda Man | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | The Right Side of My Mind | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Until There Was You | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Q2K | Howl | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Tribe | 25.00% | 25.00% | 25.00% | 25.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Rhythm of Hope | 33.33% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Great Divide | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Falling Behind | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Doing Fine | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Desert Dance | 25.00% | 0.00% | 25.00% | 25.00% | 25.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Blood | 33.33% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Losing Myself | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | The Art of Life | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Tribe | Open | 45.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 45.00% | 10.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | Freiheit Ouverture | 0.00% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | (Convict) I'm American | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | One Foot in Hell | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | Hostage | 33.33% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | The Hands | 35.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 35.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 30.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | Speed of Light | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | Signs Say Go | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |

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| Operation Mindcrime II | Re-arrange You | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | The Chase | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | Murderer? | 35.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 35.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 30.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | Circles | 35.00% | 35.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 30.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | If I Could Change It All | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | An Intentional Confrontation | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | A Junkie's Blues | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | Fear City Slide | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| Operation Mindcrime II | All the Promises | 33.33% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 33.33% | 33.33% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | Silver | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | Unafraid | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | Hundred Mile Stare | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | At 30,000 Feet | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | A Dead Man's Words | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | The Killer | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | Middle of Hell | 30.00% | 0.00% | 30.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | If I Were King | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | Man Down | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | Remember Me | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | Home Again | 30.00% | 0.00% | 30.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| American Soldier | The Voice | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| | Dirty Little Secret | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | At the Edge | 50.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Broken | 40.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 30.00% | 30.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Reail Therapy | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Around the World | 35.00% | 0.00% | 35.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 30.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Higher | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | The Lie | 50.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Hard Times | 40.00% | 0.00% | 40.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Drive | 40.00% | 0.00% | 10.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 40.00% | 0.00% | 10.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Hot Spot Junkie | 50.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | I Take You | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Get Started | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 50.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Big Noize | 40.00% | 0.00% | 40.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | I Believe | 45.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 45.00% | 10.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Got It Bad | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | LuvnU | 45.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 45.00% | 10.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| Dedicated to Chaos | Wot We Do | 80.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 20.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| | Real World | 16.67% | 16.67% | 16.67% | 16.67% | 16.67% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 16.67% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
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| Royalty Averages | | 33.66% | 4.64% | 6.60% | 12.55% | 26.99% | 0.28% | 1.45% | 3.86% | 0.28% | 0.11% | 6.48% | 3.10% | 100.00% |

Exhibit B

SHAREHOLDER'S AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made as of the day of one, 1994 by and between CHRIS DEGARMO, EDDIE JACKSON, SCOTT ROCKENFIELD, GEOFFERY TATE, and MICHAEL WILTON (individually and collectively hereinafter sometimes referred to as "the Shareholder(s)").

WHEREAS, the Shareholders are the members of the musical performing and recording group professionally known as OUEENSRYCHE (hereinafter "the Band");

WHEREAS, the Shareholders have incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington in the name of Tri-Ryche Corp. (hereinafter "the Corporation") and they shall own all of the issued and outstanding shares of the Capital Stock of the Corporation (as defined in paragraph 12(a) below); and

WHEREAS, the Shareholders deem it in their best interests and in the best interest of the Corporation to provide for a consistent and uniform management of the Corporation and they therefore desire to set forth their respective rights and obligations in connection with the Corporation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. Directors and Officers of the Corporation

Each of the Shareholders shall own twenty percent (20%) of the outstanding shares of Capital Stock of the Corporation and shall vote his shares of Capital Stock to elect Chris DeGarmo, Eddie Jackson, Geoffery Tate, Scott Rockenfield, and Michael Wilton as directors of the Corporation. The Shareholders may also elect, by majority vote, such other persons as officers of the Corporation as they may from time to time decide.

2. Activities of the Corporation

- (i) touring as a musical performance and recording band and (ii) engaging in such other businesses of a similar or related nature, as shall be agreed upon by a majority of the Shareholders.
- (b) The net income of the Corporation shall be determined periodically by the Corporation's accountant, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles on a

basis consistent with that normally used in determining the Corporation's net income, and the entire amount of said net income, or such lesser portion thereof as is deemed appropriate by the board of directors of the Corporation, shall be distributed on a pro-rata basis to each Shareholder as a dividend, in cash, provided that the Corporation is not then insolvent and would not thereby be made insolvent. Management commissions, agents' fees, salaries and similar expenses shall be paid by the Corporation before the net income is calculated.

(c) From time to time, the Corporation shall distribute to the Shareholders, in accordance with their equity interest in the Corporation, the income earned by the Corporation (as more fully set forth in paragraphs 2(b) and (c) above) <u>less</u> the Corporation's reasonable expenses incurred in the furtherance of its authorized activities.

3. Ownership of the Band's Name

(a) The Corporation shall own all of the right, title and interest in and to the name and trademark QUEENSRYCHE. The Shareholders, jointly and severally, hereby covenant to perform any acts required to effect a legal and valid transfer of any title or interest they may have in and to the Band's name and trademark to the Corporation. In addition, each of the Shareholders hereby transfers to the Corporation the exclusive right to use his name, likenesses and biographical material supplied by him to the Corporation, in connection with his membership in the Band.

(b) The use, exploitation or transfer of any right, title and interest in and to the Corporation's name, trademark, servicemark or logo by any Shareholder or third party shall not be permitted except upon the approval of the holders of not less than eighty percent (80%) of Capital Stock. No individual who ceases to be a Shareholder for any reason shall have any right to use, exploit or claim ownership in the Corporation's name, or any rights thereunder, without the prior, written consent of all of the remaining Shareholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Shareholder who ceases to be a Shareholder, shall have the limited right for a period of one (1) year from such cessation to refer to himself as "formerly a member of Queensryche"; provided, however, that any such reference is both less conspicuous and not more than one quarter (1/4) of the size of such former member's name or the name of such former member's new band. The right granted in the previous sentence shall not include the right to use any stylized form of print, mark or logo which has been or may become associated with the name "Queensryche".

4. Majority Vote Required For Action by the Corporation

The board of directors of the Corporation shall have the general power to control and manage the affairs and property of the Corporation. Unless otherwise provided, all actions of the board of directors must be approved by the vote of a majority of the directors then in office.

5. Consequences of Shareholder Leaving the Band

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, in the event that any Shareholder ceases to be a Shareholder for any reason, he shall be deemed to have simultaneously transferred his shares of Capital Stock to either the Corporation or the other Shareholders pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 7.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement, in the event that any Shareholder ceases to be a Shareholder for any reason, such Shareholder shall be deemed to have immediately resigned from any office or position as officer of the Corporation which he may hold and he hereby waives all rights that he has under this agreement, other than those rights that he retains as a former Shareholder pursuant to the terms of this agreement.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, in the event that any Shareholder ceases to be a Shareholder for any reason, such Shareholder shall continue to have the right to receive his pro-rata share of all touring income received by the Corporation which is directly related to performances occurring while such Shareholder was a member of the Band. The Band shall be permitted to deduct from such payments all management or other fees normally applicable to such payments.

6. Restrictions on Transfer.

Each of the Shareholders agrees that he will not directly or indirectly sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, or encumber in any manner whatsoever, or give away, bequeath, or in any other manner dispose of any Capital Stock which he may now or hereafter beneficially own, acquire, or be entitled to, except in accordance with the terms and provisions of this agreement. Any attempt to transfer any such Capital Stock in violation hereof shall be null and void and such shares of Capital Stock shall immediately revert to the Corporation, which shall purchase such shares of Capital Stock from the Shareholder within ten (10) days at the price set forth in paragraph 7(c) below.

7. Mandatory Purchase and Sale

- (a) Upon the occurrence of a "Purchase Event" (as defined below), the Shareholder or the Shareholder's representative shall sell, and the Corporation shall purchase, all of the Shareholder's shares of Capital Stock. For purposes of this agreement, any one of the following events shall constitute a "Purchase Event":
- (i) The death of a Shareholder. In the event of death, the date of the Purchase Event for purposes of this agreement shall be deemed to be the date on which the Corporation and each of the remaining Shareholders receives notice of the appointment and qualification of the deceased Shareholder's personal representative. The personal representative of the deceased Shareholder shall be obligated to give such notice as soon as practicable;
- Shareholder, where "permanent disability" is defined as the Shareholder's inability, through physical or mental illness or other cause (as determined by a recognized professional approved by the board of directors of the Corporation), to properly perform the majority of his duties for the Corporation for a period in excess of three (3) consecutive months or six (6) months during any twelve (12) month period;
- (iii) The termination, for whatever reason, of the employment of a Shareholder with the Corporation or the Shareholder's relationship with the Band; or
- (iv) The insolvency of a Shareholder, the assignment of a Shareholder's assets for the benefit of creditors, or the filing of a petition in bankruptcy by or against a Shareholder.
- (b) Upon the occurrence of any Purchase Event, the estate of the deceased Shareholder, or the disabled, terminated, or insolvent Shareholder, as the case may be ("the Seller"), shall sell to the Corporation and the Corporation shall purchase from the Seller all of the Capital Stock currently held or beneficially owned by the Seller ("the Offered Shares").
- (c) The price at which the Offered Shares shall be purchased and sold pursuant to paragraph 6 and subsections (a) or (b) above shall be a figure bearing the same proportionate relationship to the net asset value of the Corporation as the number of Offered Shares bears to the total number of shares of the Corporation outstanding at the time of sale. The net asset

value of the Corporation shall be computed by the Corporation's accountant in the following manner:

- (i) Real property, together with improvements and personal property thereon shall be valued by a competent, independent real estate appraiser selected by mutual agreement by the Seller and the Corporation. The independent determination of such value shall be binding on the Seller, the Corporation and the remaining Shareholders. The Corporation shall pay the costs related to such independent appraisal.
- (ii) Personal property which has a readily ascertainable fair market value shall be valued at such value.
- (iii) Personal property which does not have a readily ascertainable fair market value shall be valued by mutual agreement between the Seller and the Corporation or the remaining Shareholders, as the case may be. If a value cannot be mutually agreed upon, the Corporation shall select and pay the fees of a competent, independent appraiser who shall appraise such personal property to determine the fair market value thereof. Such independent valuation shall be binding on the Seller and the Corporation or the remaining Shareholders, as the case may be.
- (iv) Accounts receivable shall be valued at face value, less a reasonable allowance for uncollectible accounts, which allowance shall be set by the Corporation's accountant.
- (v) Accounts payable and other liabilities shall be valued at their full book value.
- (vi) The goodwill of the Corporation shall be given a minimum value of \$500, which shall be adjusted upwards, if appropriate, by resolution of the Board of Directors at least annually at its annual meeting or more frequently if desired. Such value shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors of the Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Seller shall not be entitled to receive value for goodwill if the Seller's employment with the Corporation terminates and, within a period of three (3) years of such termination, he commences a solo career or becomes affiliated with another band which performs in the United States of America. Each Shareholder agrees that if his employment is terminated and he competes with the Corporation in the manner described above, he shall immediately refund to the Corporation or the purchasing Shareholders, as the case may be, in cash, that part of the purchase price attributable to the goodwill of the Corporation paid to him for the Offered Shares. The value for goodwill as set by the board of directors in accordance with this

subsection shall be binding on all of the parties hereto. If the board of directors fails to so set a value for goodwill in any year in which a Purchase Event occurs, the most recent value previously set by the board of directors shall be used for purposes of this subsection.

- (d) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by all of the Shareholders, the closing of any purchase and sale under this paragraph 7 ("the Closing") shall take place at the registered office of the Corporation on the first regular business day following the later of (i) ninety (90) days after the occurrence of the Purchase Event or (ii) thirty (30) days after determination of the purchase price in accordance with section (c) above. The purchase price for the Offered Shares shall be paid to the Seller as follows:
 - (i) In cash, in full, at the Closing; or
- (ii) By the payment of six (6) monthly installments, commencing on the first day of the second month after the date of such transfer of shares of Capital Stock.

The applicable method of payment as described above shall be solely at the Corporation's option.

8. Insurance.

The Corporation may, at its sole option, carry life insurance for the Shareholders for the purposes of funding the acquisition of Capital Stock. The following provisions shall be applicable with respect to any such insurance:

- (a) All such insurance shall be owned exclusively by and be payable to the Corporation.
- (b) In the event of the death of an insured Shareholder, the proceeds of such insurance shall be applied first to the payment of the purchase price owed by the Corporation for the Capital Stock of the insured Shareholder.
- (i) In the event such proceeds are less than the full purchase price for such Capital Stock, the net amount of such proceeds shall constitute a down payment against the purchase price.
- (ii) In the event such proceeds exceed the purchase price, such excess shall belong to the Corporation, and not to the estate of the insured Shareholder, and shall be divided equally between all of the Shareholders as provided in paragraph 2 above.

Capital Stock to the Corporation pursuant to the terms of this agreement (other than in the case of his death), (i) the current cash surrender value of any insurance held by the Corporation on the life of such Shareholder may be applied against such purchase obligation or (ii) the policy may be assigned to the Shareholder and the purchase price of the Capital Stock of the Seller shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to the cash surrender value of the policy. The foregoing option shall be determined solely by the Seller.

(c) Insurance proceeds from any polices on the life of the Seller purchased pursuant to this paragraph 8 shall not be taken into account in determining the value of the Capital Stock of the Corporation under paragraph 7(c) hereof.

9. Leqend.

All certificates for outstanding stock of the Corporation shall bear a legend thereon, in form and substance as follows:

"These securities are subject to restrictions on transferability and resale and may not be transferred or resold except as permitted under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the applicable state securities laws, pursuant to registration or exemption therefrom. Investors should be aware that they will be required to bear the financial risks of this investment for an indefinite period of time.

This Certificate and the shares of stock and all rights thereby represented are subject to the terms, provisions, and conditions of a Shareholders Agreement dated _______, 1991, and may not be sold or transferred except in accordance with the terms and provisions of such Agreement, a copy of which is on file at the registered office of the Corporation."

Each Shareholder, by signing this agreement or causing it to be signed, represents and warrants to the Corporation and to the other Shareholders that such Shareholder is acquiring or has acquired such shares of Capital Stock for his own account for investment purposes only, and not with a view to, or for resale in connection with, the distribution thereof.

10. Waiver of Rights and Restrictions

Failure of any Shareholder to exercise any option to purchase shares of Capital Stock under this agreement, and any waiver of any rights hereunder as to any transfer, shall not, as

to any future transfer of such shares of Capital Stock (either voluntary or by operation of law) discharge such shares of Capital Stock from any of the restrictions contained in this agreement.

11. Subchapter S Election

The Corporation and the Shareholders have elected Subchapter S Federal Income Tax treatment. Each Shareholder hereby agrees that he will do nothing which causes or which might cause the termination of such election, unless the Shareholders unanimously determine that such election shall be terminated. In the event the Corporation's Subchapter S status is terminated due to the actions of one or more, but not all, of the Shareholders, such Shareholder(s) shall be solely responsible for, and shall immediately pay to the Corporation, any additional amount of taxes due and owing to federal, state and/or local governments because of such status termination.

12. Miscellaneous

- (a) <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this agreement:
- (i) The words "Capital Stock" refer to the shares of voting stock of the Corporation now owned or hereafter acquired by the Shareholders, irrespective of the time and manner of acquisition, including, without limitation, any shares resulting from a recapitalization, stock dividend or exchange of shares.
- (ii) The word "transfer" includes any sale, bequest, exchange, assignment or gift, the creation of any security interest or other encumbrance, and any other disposition of any kind, whether voluntary or involuntary, affecting title to or possession of any of the shares of Capital Stock, except that it does not include a transfer to the personal representative of a deceased Shareholder.
- (iii) "Personal representative" means the executor(s) or administrator(s) of the estate of a deceased Shareholder or a bankrupt or insolvent Shareholder.
- 13. Governing Law. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington applicable to agreements made and wholly to be performed in Washington.
- 14. <u>Remedies</u>. The parties recognize the substantial possibility of irreparable damage in the event this agreement is not specifically enforced. If any dispute arises concerning any transfer or other disposition of shares of Capital Stock under

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this agreement, an injunction may be issued restraining any transfer or other disposition pending the determination of the controversy, without any bond or other security being required. If any dispute arises concerning the right or obligation to purchase or sell any shares of Capital Stock under this agreement, such right or obligation shall be enforceable in a court of equity by a decree of specific performance, without any bond or other security being required. Such remedy shall be cumulative and not exclusive, and shall be in addition to any other remedy which any of the Shareholders may have.

- (a) This agreement sets forth the entire understanding between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements and understandings between them.
- (b) The section headings contained herein are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this agreement.
- (c) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to place the parties in the relationship of partners, joint venturers or fiduciaries.
- (d) This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be signed as of the dave first written above.

CHRIS DECARMO

EDDIE JACKSON

SCOTT ROCKENFIELD

GEOFFRY TATE

MICHAEL WILTON

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Exhibit C



535 Dock St. Suite 108 Tacoma WA 98402-4614 Phone: (253) 383-4433 Fax: (253) 572-2223 May 31, 2012

Joshua C. Allen Brower Veris Law Group PLLC 1809 Seventh Ave., Suite 1400 Seattle WA 98101

Re: Queensryche and Its Members

Dear Mr. Allen Brower:

I represent Queensryche members Michael Wilton, Scott Rockenfield, and Eddie Jackson. As such, all communications, requests, correspondence, etc., must be directed to my office from this point forward.

I am aware of all your written communications with Neil Sussman and others, conveying your representation of the Mr. Tate as well as their positions. Please presume I have a comprehensive background of the events of late as you read this and formulate any response.

I have the unfortunate duty of conveying the fact that after much deliberation, my clients have come to the conclusion that they can no longer work or perform with Mr. Tate. As such, it is time for he and Queensryche to go their separate ways. This is non-negotiable and the resolute position of my clients.

Therefore, it is for you and I to help our clients determine the shape and form of that separation. It is overwhelmingly in everyone's best interests for this matter to be resolved privately, with a mutually agreed position for public consumption. It is for just this sort of resolution that I am contacting you to see if we can enter into such negotiations.

However, if such a negotiated solution is not possible, my clients' position is exceedingly strong. As 75% of the band and corporations, they have the ability to call directors meetings, have a quorum, and pass any action they need on a few days notice. This includes forming an executive committee of just the three of them for all corporation business, as allowed under the applicable bylaws and articles.

Moreover, under the partnership agreement that pre-dates the corporations, any member can be expelled by a 75% vote. Then, under the TriRyche shareholder agreement, once a member is expelled their shares immediately are deemed transferred, and the company may begin the buyout phase. This eliminates any ability of Mr. Tate to block use of the Queensryche name and associated marks under the agreement.



535 Dock St. Suite 108 Tacoma WA 98402-4614 Phone: (253) 383-4433 Fax: (253) 572-2223 In the alternative, the 1994 TriRyche shareholders agreement is void as a matter of law since it has no set duration and is thus limited to 10 years by RCW 23B.07.270 2(b). With the shareholders agreement invalid, the same majority rule I spoke of above would control all actions of Tri-Ryche, just as with the other corporations, including any use of the Queensryche name.

Thus, in short, your client has no legal ability to stop my clients from moving forward as the new post Geoff Tate Queensryche, and attempting to stop them would only make it exceedingly clear he was fired as opposed to a mutually decided split. This is in addition to loss of any use of the Queensryche name in association with Mr. Tate's solo career or other endeavors.

Therefore, your client's incentives to reach a negotiated settlement for a buyout of the stock in the QR corporations, which may include perpetual royalties, limited name use, and other valuable consideration is strong, as is my clients' desire to avoid acting unilaterally if they can.

But if they must act unilaterally, they will do so. Thus they have scheduled a directors meeting for that purpose for Tuesday June 5, at 4pm. Notice of which has now been conveyed to Mr. Tate through you. It will be done by teleconference to the number 1-626-677-3000 access code 5732395. My clients have agreed to take no action or public position before that time as long as Mr. Tate does not either.

I look forward to your prompt response as to the possibility of negotiations and any positions therefore.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached best by email at tto@osinskilaw.com.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Osinski Jr., Esq.

Attorney at Law

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Exhibit D



Joshua C. Brower 206.829.8233 josh@verislawgroup.com

June 5, 2012

Via E-mail and Facsimile (253-572-2223)

Thomas T. Osinski, Jr., Esq. Osinski Law Offices P.L.L.C. 53 Dock Street, Suite 108 Tacoma, WA 98402-4616

> Re: Queensryche—Shareholder Oppression/Dissolution Tri-Ryche Corporation, Melodisc Ltd, Queensryche Merchandising, Inc.

Dear Mr. Osinski:

I am writing to respond to your correspondence dated May 31, 2012, with regard to the above-referenced matter. To the extent asserted in your letter, your clients' demands are respectfully rejected.

Be advised that if your clients act in the manner outlined in your letter Mr. Tate will have no choice but to immediately file suit for Minority Shareholder Oppression, seeking dissolution of Tri-Ryche Corporation, Melodisc Ltd., and Queensryche Merchandising, Inc. (collectively, the "QR Companies") and a forced buy-out at Fair Value (i.e., not Fair Market Value) of his ownership interests in the QR Companies. *Scott v. Trans-System, Inc.*, 148 Wn.2d 701, 64 P.3d 1 (2003).

Your letter and the acts described therein will be Exhibit 1 to a Motion for Summary Judgment as it clearly threatens acts of such extreme overreaching and oppression to justify dissolution and a court-ordered buy-out. On August 9, 2011, the shareholders of the QR Companies unanimously elected Mr. Tate to the respective Boards of Directors. That same day, the Boards elected him Vice-President of the QR Companies. Mr. Tate, as a founding member of Queensryche and the QR Companies, has a "reasonable expectation" that he will be treated fairly and will be given an opportunity to meaningfully participate in QR Company management and decision-making. *Scott*, 148 Wn.2d at 711. Forming an Executive Committee and cutting Mr. Tate out of participation in company management as you describe and appear to be recommending to your clients is exactly the type of "burdensome, harsh, [and] wrongful conduct" that "lack[s]...probity and fair dealing" sufficient for a court to order dissolution and a forced buy-out at Fair Value.

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Moreover, to the extent anyone tries to ignore the rights, duties and obligations under the 1994 Tri-Ryche Shareholders Agreement, Mr. Tate will immediately seek an injunction pursuant to and as authorized by Section 14.

Turning to that document, your analysis is fatally flawed. First, you cannot have your cake and eat it too. Either the Shareholder's Agreement is binding, in which case your clients cannot ignore it and rely upon some alleged, decades-old "partnership agreement" in a twisted attempt to change the voting percentage required to expel a Member; or, even assuming, arguendo, it is not valid, your clients cannot rely upon it to expel Mr. Tate and conduct a forced redemption as you assert in your letter. A court will not let you have it both ways by asserting the Shareholder Agreement is both void and enforceable at the same time.

Your assertion that the Shareholders Agreement is somehow void is wrong because it is based on an incorrect citation (the correct citation is RCW 23B.07.320(2)(c) not "23B.07.270(2(b)") and because it is based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the Washington Business Corporations Act, RCW Title 23B (the "Act"). The Act requires shareholders perform certain corporate actions while the Board must undertake certain other actions. See generally RCW 23B.07.210 (Shareholders must elect directors annually or as otherwise provided in the Articles and Bylaws), cf. 23B.08.010 (Every corporation must have a Board of Directors unless the authority is otherwise delegated directly to the shareholders or as otherwise limited by a shareholders agreement authorized by RCW 23B.07.320).

The fundamental requirements for shareholder and Board participation and control can only be varied by a shareholders agreement in limited and enumerated instances. See RCW 23B.07.320. For example, a shareholders agreement can, among other things: (a) eliminate the board of directors; (b) govern distributions whether or not in proportion to ownership; (c) establish who shall be directors so there is no need for an annual election; etc. Id. Because shareholder agreements undercut and change the fundamental tenants of the Act, their tenure is limited to ten (10) years.

Here, the ten (10) year limit is inapplicable because the 1994 Tri-Ryche Shareholders Agreement does not fundamentally alter the manner in which this company is managed. For example, unlike shareholder agreements adopted under Section .320, the 1994 Shareholder's Agreement does not eliminate shareholder election of Directors, does not eliminate the Directors, and does not limit the Board's authority to operate the company except in limited circumstances regarding use and disposition of the company's property. The 1994 Agreement was not adopted to eliminate corporate functions required by the Act. Instead, the 1994 Agreement was adopted to provide *additive* provisions beyond those articulated in the Articles and Bylaws to clarify how certain corporate actions must occur. This is borne out by the fact that every year, the Tri-Ryche shareholders elect the Board and the Board elects the officers. If the 1994 Agreement was adopted pursuant to Section .320 there would be no need for these annual votes. Since it is not the type governed by Section .320 it will not be invalidated under the term limit. Even assuming,

¹ Your reliance on a decades old "partnership agreement" does not merit a response because the QR Companies are valid, existing Washington corporations governed by their formation documents and by the shareholders' actions, including their annual unanimous approval to retain the protections and privileges afforded to corporations.

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arguendo, that it is subject to Section .320, a court will enforce it under the doctrines of waiver, laches and estoppel.

Under the 1994 Agreement, the other shareholders cannot expel Mr. Tate. The 1994 Agreement requires 80% or more of the shareholders approve any change in the rights, title and interest in the company's property, which inherently includes expelling a shareholder as that would change his right, title and interest. Since Mr. Tate owns 25% of the company, he cannot be unilaterally expelled without his consent, which will not be forthcoming.

All that said, Mr. Tate is open to discussing a negotiated separation. To the extent your clients desire to make him an offer, please do so.

Sincerely,

VERIS LAW GROUP PLLC

Joshua C. Brower

cc Geoff and Susan Tate





| To: | Thomas T. Osinski, Jr., Esq. | From: | Karen Therese |
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| Fax: | 253-572-2223 | Pages: | 4 (including cover) |
| Phone: | | Date: | June 5, 2012 |
| Re: | Queensryche | cc: | |
| Attached ple | ease find a letter from Josh Brower regarding | | matter. |

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Exhibit E

Board of Directors Corporate Resolution of:

| We, the undersigned, being all the director. | s of this corporation consent and agree that the following |
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| corporate resolution was made | • |
| onlune 5, 2012 date | |
| at4:00 Pm PST time | |
| at via Telephone conference | location |
| | he following as if it was adopted at a regularly called meeting In accordance with State law and the bylaws of this |

1...Unanimous Decision to expel Geoff Tate from the Band with all the ramifications that creates under the controlling agreements, including loss of any director or officer position within any of the Queensryche corporations, and triggering a mandatory transfer and repurchase of any stock.

corporation, by unanimous consent, the board of directors decided that:

- 2...lt was decided that the Queensryche name will continue to be used with a new lead singer as chosen by the remaining directors.
- 3...It was decided that an executive committee of eddie Jackson, Michael Wilton and Scott Rockenfield will be formed for Tri-Ryche, Melodisc and Queensryche Merchandising corporations which will be vested with all powers and authority of the directors to carry out any and all such actions necessary for the operation of the corporations. This executive committee will last indefinitely until altered by later action of the directors.
- 4...It was decided that any and all related materials that are in the possession of Neil Sussman regarding Queensryche.com, Queensryche facebook, Queensryche Twitter and any other Queensryche related "social media" shall be immediately transferred to the new executive committee of Eddie Jackson, Michael Wilton and Scott Rockenfield.
- 5...It was decided that any possible charges related to "pet damage" at the Duvall address of <u>27607</u> <u>140th Place Duvall Wa.</u> shall be considered a charge back expense to Susan and Geoff Tate who allowed their pets on the premises which was in direct violation of the tenant/landlord lease agreement.

Therefore, it is resolved, that the corporation shall:

- 1...Consider Geoff Tate expelled from the band as per the above stated details.
- 2...The remaining members/directors of Eddie Jackson, Michael Wilton and Scott Rockenfield will continue to use the Queensryche name with a new lead singer as per the above stated details.
- 3...Form an executive committee of Eddie Jackson, Michael Wilton and Scott Rockenfield for Tri-Ryche, Melodisc and Queensryche Merchandising corporations as per the above stated details.

- 4...Request from Neil Sussman immediate transfer of all related materials for Queensryche.com, Queensryche Facebook and Queensryche Twitter accounts as per the above stated details.
- 5...Impose a chargeback for any "pet damages" incurred at our most recent office space in Duvall Wa, as per the above stated details.

The officers of this corporation are authorized to perform the acts to carry out this corporate resolution.

Director signature

Director signature

Michael Witon Printed name

6-7-2012

Printed name

6-7-2012

Printed name

Date

SOT ROCKENFIEL

6-7-2012

Printed name

The Secretary of the Corporation, certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution that was duly adopted at a meeting of the dated meeting of the board of directors.

Signature of Secretary

Printed name of Secretary

Date

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Exhibit F

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From: Bobby Lee [mailto:bobby@paradiseartists.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 12:23 PM

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Subject: Queensryche

Dear Buyers,

We have been authorized to solicit offers on Queensryche. Please give me a call at your convenience if you have questions on pricing, routing, etc. Bobby Lee

Paradise Artists, Inc.

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Exhibit G



Exclusive: Queensryche Parts Ways With Geoff Tate

by Christa Titus, N.Y. | June 20, 2012 11:50 EDT

Rock band is continuing forward without vocalist Geoff Tate, who will be replaced by Crimson Glory singer Todd La Torre, Billboard has exclusively learned.

"Over the past few months, there have been growing creative differences within Queensryche. We want our fans to know that we hoped to find a common resolution, but in the end parting ways with Geoff was the best way for everyone to move forward in a positive direction," drummer Scott Rockenfield said in a statement. "We wish him the best of luck with all of his future endeavors. We can't wait to bring Queensryche to our fans with Todd behind the microphone."



Todd La Torre, center, in a newly released photo of Queensryche. (Photo: Mike Savoia)

The statement also said that scheduled Queensryche performances "are on hold at [the] present time and revised routing is being worked on. Fans can check the band's website for all of the latest tour information as it [becomes] available."

Billboard requested a comment from Tate through Jeff Albright of the Albright Entertainment Group, but it wasn't received by press time.

Queensryche also includes guitarists Michael Wilton and Parker Lundgren and bassist Eddie Jackson. Rockenfield, Wilton and Jackson are among the group's original members. Tate joined the band after it formed in 1981. Guitarist and founding member Chris DeGarmo left Queensryche in 1997 and briefly rejoined in 2003 for Queensryche's "Tribe" album. Kelly Gray originally filled DeGarmo's slot, followed by Mike Stone, until Lundgren joined in 2009.

La Torre said in a statement a few weeks ago, and reiterated during an interview on Ron Keel's "Streets of Rock & Roll" radio show that was posted online on June 14, that he still remains a member of Crimson Glory.

Fans and media have speculated about the state of Queensryche, which marked its 30th anniversary last year, for weeks due to rumors of internal conflict. They were sparked by an unconfirmed posting on MetalSludge.tv that Tate allegedly became violent toward other bandmates prior to an April show in Brazil after allegedly being fired. Then, during the Rocklahoma fest during Memorial Day weekend, Tate told the crowd "you guys suck" as he tried to get the audience to respond more enthusiastically.

On May 29 the other members of Queensryche announced it was forming a project called Rising West with La Torre. Rising West posted June 5 on its Facebook page that it was "being denied access to our own Facebook page and website (meaning Queensryche)," which promoted other side projects, such as Tate's wine business and Rockenfield's recording endeavors. In response, Tate's step-daughter, Miranda, posted June 7 on Facebook that "it's about time to get some truth on the table" and denied that other members couldn't access the site, among other alleged problems. Rising West played Queensryche's older material at two sold-out shows June 8-9 at Seattle's Hard Rock Cafe.

In subsequent interviews, Rising West and Tate deflected questions about the situation. When Rising West appeared June 7 on KISM Seattle radio show "The Men's Room," Rockenfield said it was "a day-to-day" process as Queensryche determined its next move, but the band would definitely continue. Blabbermouth.net reported that during a June 15 interview on KISW, Tate said, "Just hang in there. Everything's moving along and everything's looking good" regarding the group.

Queensryche was scheduled to perform June 11 to open for the Scorpions in West Valley City, Utah, but only Tate appeared, backed by his solo band. NRToday.com reported June 18 that Queensryche had canceled its Aug. 10 appearance at the Douglas County Fair in Oregon, with Eddie Money replacing the act. It stated that fairgrounds director Harold Phillips attributed the cancellation to a falling out between Tate and the band. Tate has continued playing dates on his solo tour, which coincided with Queensryche's dates for its current tour.

Queensryche is a Grammy Award-nominated band that broke into the mainstream with the 1988 concept album "Operation: Mindcrime." The group has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide, according to the statement. It's biggest U.S. radio hit was 1991's "Silent Lucidity," which reached No. 9 on the Billboard Hot 100.

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Exhibit H

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From:

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FW: QUEENSRŸCHE ANNOUNCE NEW LINEUP

From: Jamie Simone [jsimone@pfamedia.net] Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 10:18 AM

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QUEENSRŸCHE ANNOUNCE NEW LINEUP Todd La Torre Of Crimson Glory Steps In As Vocalist

(June 20, 2012 – New York, NY) – Legendary Seattle rockers Queensrÿche are pleased to announce the addition of Todd La Torre to their lineup. Known for his work with progressive metal legends Crimson Glory, Todd steps in to assume the duties of lead vocalist. After a long rumored parting of ways with original vocalist, Geoff Tate, Queensrÿche plans to continue making the music that has garnered them a devoted legion of fans around the world. The band has already begun playing live together with two successful shows in their home city of Seattle under the name, Rising West. The shows were well received and Todd proves to be a natural addition to the Queensrÿche lineup. Queensrÿche is Todd Le Torre (Vocals), Michael Wilton (Guitars), Parker Lundgren (Guitars), Eddie Jackson (Bass) and Scott Rockenfield (Drums). "Over the past few months, there have been growing creative differences within Queensrÿche. We want our fans to know that we hoped to find a common resolution, but in the end parting ways with Geoff was the best way for everyone to move forward in a positive direction. We wish him the best of luck with all of his future endeavors. We can't wait to bring Queensrÿche to our fans with Todd behind the microphone" states drummer and band founder Scott Rockenfield. All scheduled Queensrÿche tour dates are on hold at present time and revised routing is being worked on. Fans can check the band's website for all of the latest tour information as it becomes available.

Queensrÿche first burst onto the music scene in 1982 with the release of their self-titled 4 song EP Queensrÿche. They very quickly gained international recognition and performed to sold out audiences around the world. With the follow up first full length album "The Warning" in 1984, and the ground breaking 1986 release of "Rage For Order", Queensrÿche continued to prove their worldwide dominance as one of the most respected and creative bands of the 80's. In 1988 the band turned out yet another monumental album "Operation:Mindcrime", which would go on to become one of the TOP 10 best selling concepts records of all time, and set the stage for continued sold out performances around the world. With the release of the critically acclaimed and commercially successful "Empire" in 1991, the band earned multiple Grammy Award nominations and won the MTV "viewers choice" award for the #1 chart topping hit "Silent Lucidity". During the next ten years, the band continued to release albums and tour the world to sold out audiences. Queensrÿche has sold over 30 million albums worldwide and have continued to break new ground and push their creative process. www.queensryche.com

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| From: Bruce Melick <bruce@tinmanmerch.com></bruce@tinmanmerch.com> | |

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Sent: Thu, Jun 14, 2012 18:03:43 GMT+00:00

Subject: Queensryche web store

Hi Geoff,

I am still waiting to hear back from some of the band members on the merch deal. Can you let me know if you are fine with it?

Just to keep you updated there are customer service complaints backing up and we would like to get them resolved ASAP. I also need to get the link moved from the QR.com site so customers can start buying. That store will not let anyone complete a sale at the moment and that is upsetting the customers/fans as well.

We have a lot of product here and would like to start turning that inventory into cash. Thanks Geoff, please let me know today if at all possible. If you need me to resend the proposal please let me know. I will get that to you right away.

Best,

Bruce

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