

Strange Earth Records

*****Press Release*****

Van Conner of Screaming Trees and VALIS Announces New Record Label

New Hub Provides Access to Distribution for Independent or Unsigned Bands

Stanwood, WA – September 26, 2011 - Van Conner today announced the launch of a new record label titled **Strange Earth Records**. Strange Earth has partnered with the American wing of Germany's Finetunes Digital Media Services.

Van's new venture seeks to fill a gap in the Northwest Music Scene (although he reserves the right to release non-Northwest acts as well) with the new label serving as a hub for independent bands that have dedicated their lives to making great music. The website (www.strangeearthrecords.com) will serve as a "one stop shop" for web surfers who want to find out who is lurking in the backwoods of the Pacific Northwest.

The label will feature singles, EPs and full length records and videos that can be purchased through all the major online music shops (iTunes, Amazon, eMusic, etc.).

Plans for vinyl releases and distribution are also in the works.

New music as well as tunes from Van's vast archives of tunes that he and his friends have recorded over the years that never saw the light of day or have never been released online will be featured.

The label's first release will be by **Microdot Gnome**. Microdot Gnome is the latest project by **Gary Lee Conner**, best known as a fellow Screaming Trees co-founder/guitar player/songwriter as well as Van's brother:



Microdot Gnome

Low Flying Bird bw Julian Hades

Online Release Date – October 21st 2011

Upcoming scheduled releases include music from:

- The Legend of Bigfoot – “The Legend of Bigfoot” EP
- VALIS – “Minds Through Space and Time” LP
- Y.B.s – “Altered Steaks” LP
- Vaporland – Online Single
- Argonaut – Online Single
- Solomon Grundy – “Stone Soup and Other Stories” LP Re-Release with Spirit of the Radio Single
- Screaming Trees

About Van Conner: A Northwest rock musician, Van founded the Screaming Trees in 1984 with his brother, Gary Lee, and longtime friends, Mark Lanegan and Mark Pickerel. After the band’s break up in 2000, Van has continued to write, produce and record music with his friends and family. His band VALIS has released four records and they are currently working on a fifth.

To contact Van Conner, email him at van@strangeearthrecords.com.

About finetunes: Rooted in the German independent music scene, finetunes (www.finetunes.net) was established in 2004 to provide digital-distribution for independent music apart from the major labels' channels. Today finetunes runs offices in Hamburg, Montreal, Paris, London, Tokyo and Barcelona and acts as a one of the world's leading specialists for 'digital media download solutions' such as encoding and delivery as well as distribution and active marketing of audio-, video- and mobile content. Above that, finetunes supplies white-label shop systems, digital marketing & promotion and affiliate programs for artists, labels and brands.

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