



## **TELARC AND HEADS UP BRING HOME THREE *JAZZWEEK* AWARDS**

**Second annual awards honor leading acts in jazz radio**

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**June 7, 2004, Rochester, NY** – Telarc and Heads Up, two frontrunners in the jazz recording industry, scored three awards at the annual *JazzWeek* Awards held Saturday, June 5, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rochester, N.Y.

**Michel Camilo: Artist of the Year**

***Word of Mouth Revisited* (Jaco Pastorius Big Band): Record of the Year**

**Telarc Records: Label of the Year**

The *JazzWeek* Awards are sponsored by *JazzWeek*, the national radio airplay chart that compiles a weekly report of the top fifty traditional jazz and contemporary jazz recordings played on radio stations across the United States and Canada. This year's ceremony marks the second year of the *JazzWeek* Awards, where more than 400 radio programmers representing jazz stations throughout North America voted on nominees in thirteen categories.

“For years, Telarc has been known for its high-quality recordings,” said Ed Trefzger, editor of *JazzWeek*. “These three awards recognize the caliber of its artists, and cement the high standing Telarc and Heads Up have achieved among today's leading jazz labels.”

“To be honored by all of you in the radio community for choosing the Jaco Pastorius Big Band's *Word of Mouth Revisited* as Record of the Year, Michel Camilo as Artist of the Year, and Telarc as Label of the Year is truly a career highlight for me,” said Dave Love, President of Heads Up, an affiliate of Telarc. “To be recognized by you, who are so important in the jazz community, is really overwhelming. I respect all of you for what you do to keep this music alive and keep bringing it to your audience.” The Jaco Pastorius Big Band's *Word of Mouth Revisited* was released on Heads Up in August 2003.

“I am honored to receive this recognition and I thank all my friends at jazz radio for always being there for me,” said Michel Camilo, whose 2003 Telarc release, *Live at the Blue Note*, won a Grammy Award for Best Latin Jazz Album. “This has been truly one of the most exciting years in my career, and I am happy to share this award with my wife Sandra for her inspiration and everyone at Telarc for their constant support. Thank you all.”

“Thank you all for bestowing this wonderful award for Telarc as Label of the Year and recognizing Michel Camilo as the Artist of the Year,” said Vikki Rzepka, Telarc’s director of Radio promotions and Artist/Venue Relations. “It’s truly an honor to be recognized by a group of people that is so in-tune and passionate about jazz and jazz radio. I’m excited to get together with all of you next year to discuss the issues that are so important to us all.”

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