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PARTNER WITH LOTUSPIKE ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF HIS NEW CD *Terra Ambient Completes The Gate*

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PITTSBURGH – September 20, 2004 – Jeff Kowal, partner of lotuspike, a Pittsburgh-based music label featuring ambient and electronic music, recently completed his first release on the **lotuspike** label, *The Gate*. Jeff Kowal is known as *Terra Ambient* to the music world.

"With the release of *The Gate*, the momentum and excitement just keeps building for us—partners of lotuspike," said Kowal. "We made the **lotuspike** label come to life in February of this year, we signed a new artist out of San Francisco, and now I can share the love of my music on CD."

Kowal has been an active musician for over a decade. Both formally trained and self-taught, his musical interests and influences span a wide spectrum of cultures. The crossover of electronic, ethnic, acoustic and experimental sounds has become the foundation of his work, and can be heard in his solo projects, as well as in collaborations with other artists.

Prior to Kowal's new CD release, his music has been heard on a national and international level with the syndicated radio shows, *Echoes* and *Hearts of Space*. Kowal's music also found several homes; in an independent, Pittsburgh-made indie film, *Spielburgh*; in television commercials; and among several gallery installations, including the *First Breath* art exhibition, by assemblage artist Randie Snow, at James Church Gallery, Pittsburgh.

For a copy of *The Gate*, and more information on the latest news and artists of **lotuspike**, see www.lotuspike.com.

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