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### PITTSBURGH ARTIST HAS GREAT SUCCESS WITH NEW CD "THE GATE"

PITTSBURGH – September 20, 2004 – In the music world, he is known as Terra Ambient. His music is enjoyed mostly by ambient and electronic music and genre enthusiasts. But Jeff Kowal's music is gaining a national and international presence and he is shattering his personal expectations with his latest CD, *The Gate*.

Labeled from his own company, **lotuspike**, *The Gate* has made the top 100 list in the country, according to the report by New Age Reporter. In just three weeks of airplay, *The Gate* made the New Age Reporter's top 100 list. *The Gate* has also found a home on the nationally syndicated ECHOES on WXPB and the Hearts of Space radio program based out of California. The CD has also won popularity, making the New Age Sampler's Top 20 for the month of August.

Kowal's work was recently part of the *First Breath* art exhibition, by assemblage artist Randie Snow, at James Church Gallery, Pittsburgh. Tracks from his first CD *The Darker Space* CD were used in the Pittsburgh-made indie film, *Spielburgh*, which premiered April 10 at the Byham Theatre.

"*The Gate* is the result of my love of ambient music," said Kowal, artist and partner of **lotuspike**. "I am thrilled that my music is being enjoyed by listeners from all over the world. It is also a great feeling that *The Gate* is on the **lotuspike** label."

As Kowal continues to build his presence in the world of ambient music, he and his **lotuspike** partners Ben Cox and Daniel Pipitone are hoping to attract listeners of ambient and electronic music and genre enthusiasts here in Pittsburgh as well. This fall, they are planning a new CD party for Kowal and a launch of the new **lotuspike** label.

*The Gate* can be found online at retail stores including Hypnos, Amazon.com, Backroads music, Dark Duck Records, Fairfield in the UK and soon CDBABY.com.

For more information on Jeff Kowal and the latest news and artists of **lotuspike**, see [www.lotuspike.com](http://www.lotuspike.com).

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*Jeff Kowal*

*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.*

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