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“The M Shanghai String Band have first-rate original songs. Their high energy performances are like a modern day medicine show.” ~ Tommy Ramone of *The Ramones* and *Uncle Monk*

“Vigorous, heartfelt, acoustic country with all the fixins!” ~ *Time Out New York*

“M Shanghai String Band: The homiest band in Williamsburg.” ~ *Village Voice*

Dear Music Critic/Fan,

Six years ago, in the basement of a Chinese restaurant in Brooklyn, the M SHANGHAI STRING BAND began serving up some of the most exuberant and old time inspired roots music on the scene. Fast becoming known as one of the best live bands around of any genre, the band is set to release their third album, *The Mapmaker's Daughter*, May 5th on Red Parlor Records. The band will celebrate with a cd release party on Tuesday, April 7th at Joe's Pub, 425 Lafayette St., 9:30 PM, 212-967-7555.

In 2004, they self-released their bold debut, *Up From the Ground Below*: an all-live album, recorded in one day, around a single microphone at the restaurant. They were immediately courted by labels, and chose to sign with Red Parlor Records (Ryko Distribution). The word was out.

M SHANGHAI's second album *From the Air* was named one of the top 10 albums of 2007 by the *Albany Times Union* (along with Mavis Staples, Arcade Fire, Robert Plant/Alison Krauss). Critic Greg Haymes wrote “Thoroughly contemporary songs, resulting in absolutely timeless music. Simply the most joyous musical celebration of the year.”

The band's concerts have received equal praise, making “Best Live Shows of the Year” lists. NYC's *Village Voice* dedicated a feature to the band in July 2008, and even the *New York Times* gave them a shout in a major article on the roots music revolution in New York. They've sold out big venues including the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, Summer Music Festival; yet despite the growing buzz, M SHANGHAI continue to play for free every first Saturday of the month in the Brooklyn basement where it all began- and play all night they do.

As fun and raucous as the live shows can be, the heart of the band's appeal lies with their vibrant and heartfelt original material. The new songs on *The Mapmaker's Daughter* will ultimately steal the show.

Thanks so much for listening,

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