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PS Audio Launches Octave Records

*– New record label is dedicated to preserving the art of high-fidelity recordings
and compensating musicians fairly –*

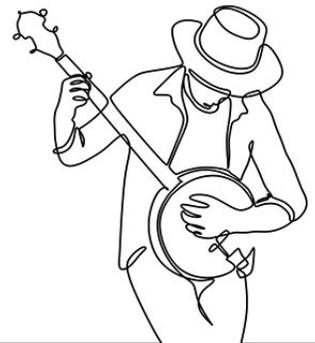
Boulder, Colorado, June 10, 2020 – [PS Audio](#) today announced the launch of [Octave Records](#), a new audiophile record label that supports the livelihood of musicians in a unique way. Its premier release, [Out of Thin Air](#) by GRAMMY®-winning pianist and composer **Don Grusin** is a solo piano recording mastered by Gus Skinas using the Sonona™ DSD high-resolution recording system. It is available on a two-disc limited-edition SACD/CD disc set containing pure DSD, hi-res 192kHz/24-bit PCM and CD formats, with stereo and surround mixes.

“Along with our dedication to producing the best-sounding recordings available today, Octave Records offers a different kind of business model,” said Paul McGowan, PS Audio CEO. To support musicians, Octave covers 100% of all studio, mixing, mastering,

production, distribution and marketing expenses so that artists may directly share in retain sales revenues – while also retaining ownership of their music.”



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Out of Thin Air features Don Grusin performing a variety of jazz-tinged original solo piano compositions, ranging from the introspective opener, “Classical September” to the playful “Willow Dance” and “Grusin Likes Gershwin,” the artist’s tribute to the beloved composer.



Octave Records exclusively employs the Sonoma multi-track recording system, which uses pure one-bit Direct Stream Digital® (DSD) technology. *Out of Thin Air* was recorded “live” and mixed at Grusin’s Moose Sound studio in Colorado using the Sonoma system, AEA R88 and Sanken CO-100K mics, Forsell Technologies and Integer Audio mic preamps, EMM Labs ADC8 Mk IV A/D and DAC8 Mk IV D/A converters and other state-of-the art

equipment. No compression was used in the mastering. The result is a natural-sounding recording with extraordinary clarity and realism, with the tonal and dynamic range of Grusin’s Yamaha C7FII grand piano captured with remarkable presence and nuance.

Octave’s engineer Gus Skinas has worked on hundreds of recordings including titles from the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Nat King Cole, George Harrison and numerous others. He also helped design the Sonoma system. “We find that the Sonoma system has not only exceptional fidelity and resolution but also retains the character and ‘feel’ of analog tape,” he noted. “It eliminates the distortions in the time domain that other types of digital recording can suffer from, and which can’t be easily measured but the brain knows isn’t quite right.”

Too often, musicians have to absorb the costs of production, leaving them little or any earnings or even putting them in debt. “We want to respect the musicians by paying them fairly, and respect their music by bringing it to life in the highest quality possible,” said Gus Skinas. Future Octave Records titles will be released on a regular basis.

The limited-edition *Out of Thin Air* can be purchased on [Octave Records' website](#) for \$29 with free shipping within the United States and a \$15 flat rate everywhere else.

About Octave Records

Octave Records was founded in 2019 to offer the finest-quality high-resolution recordings and compensate musicians fairly for their work using a business model where all production costs are paid for up front, allowing the musicians to directly share in sales revenues and retain ownership of their music. Chief engineer Gus Skinas has hundreds of recording credits and helped develop the state-of-the-art Sonoma pure-DSD recording system used exclusively by Octave Records.

About PS Audio

Founded in 1973, PS Audio has earned a worldwide reputation for excellence in manufacturing innovative, high-value, leading-edge audio products. Located in Boulder, Colorado at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, PS Audio's staff of talented designers, engineers, production and support people build each product to deliver extraordinary performance and musical satisfaction. The company's wide range of award-winning products include the all-in-one Sprout100 integrated amplifier, audio components, power regenerators and power conditioners.

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