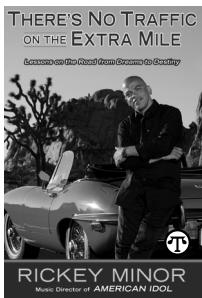


Music Notes

Behind The Scenes At “American Idol”

(NAPSA)—Striking the right chord with readers is an inspirational new book by Rickey Minor, the award-winning musician and musical director for the highly popular and successful show “American Idol.”

In “There’s No Traffic On The Extra Mile” (Gotham Books),



Minor shares stories from his unique vantage point that will inspire readers to find the potential within themselves.

Using his personal story as the background, Minor imparts lessons he has learned the hard way. “I’ve seen a lot over the past three decades on the front lines of this dream factory called the entertainment business,” writes Minor. “Behind each story are little clues to the puzzle, some very serious and others more lighthearted. But every one of these elements I describe has the power to thrust you forward in the pursuit of your dreams or stop you dead in the tracks.”

With behind-the-scenes anecdotes from “American Idol” and stories about some of the performers he has collaborated with (Gladys Knight and the Pips, Usher, Beyoncé Knowles, Aerosmith and Aretha Franklin), “There’s No Traffic On The Extra Mile” will inspire anyone who has a dream to go out and make it happen.