

Holiday Ideas

Social Video Games Bring Fun To Holiday Gatherings

(NAPSA)—Holidays are often associated with gatherings of family and friends, singing favorite songs, and playing classic party games. For many consumers this year, video games will be replacing charades and Pictionary and adding spice to the holiday party.

Social games or “socialtainment” is broadening the audience for video games beyond “hard-core” enthusiasts to mainstream audiences. Many new socialtainment games are quick and easy to learn, enabling even the novice to play. Games often come with untraditional accessories, such as microphones and buzzers, that add a whole new gaming experience. With fun, interactive and affordable games on such topics as singing, trivia and sports, the whole family can play.

Sony PlayStation released several social-gaming options this holiday season for consumers who want to add a new dimension to their holiday party or family game night.

For consumers who don't already have a gaming console, the *SingStar™* PlayStation®2 pack, for under \$150, delivers a social gaming experience out of the box. It includes a limited-edition Ceramic White PlayStation 2 computer entertainment system, *SingStar™ Pop*, the second release in the multimillion-selling *SingStar™* franchise, and two high-quality microphones. Friends and family can put on a concert in their living rooms by performing along with their favorite artists, singing duets and in one-on-one battles. The game accommodates up to eight players in a “Pass-The-Mic” social frenzy. *SingStar Pop* includes real songs from current chart-topping stars and pop legends, including *Alicia Keys*, *U2*, *Rihanna*, *Ashlee Simpson*, *The All-American Rejects* and



Families have fun with video games.

The Clash. Additional *SingStar* titles featuring a variety of musical genres are available separately.

Buzz! games, available exclusively for the PlayStation 2, are a great option for the trivia buffs or kids.

Buzz! The Mega Quiz is the ultimate trivia game with over 5,000 questions across a variety of topics and genres, including celebrities, music, sports, film, history, science and more. The game features a TV-style game show experience in which up to eight players compete in a wide variety of fun, engaging trivia.

Buzz! Junior: Jungle Party will appeal to children, parents and grandparents, as it features over 25 humorous and entertaining mini-games for up to four players. The game is loosely based upon childhood favorites such as hot potato and red light, green light, *Buzz! The Mega Quiz* and *Buzz! Junior: Jungle Party* come complete with buzzers.

So if you are looking for ways to make your holiday celebrations more festive, now may be the time to jump on the social-gaming bandwagon. To learn more about video game entertainment this season, visit www.us.playstation.com.