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(TORONTO – Friday January 27, 2006) – After a sold out show in Toronto last summer, R.E.M.G. is proud to present the return of Chicago's finest live in concert on Wednesday February 22, 2006.

When was the last time you saw yourself in a hip-hop song? When was the last time a hip-hop artist gave you an extraordinary description of the lives of ordinary people? While many of his peers were drawing black and white pictures of thugs, gangsters, pimps and hoes **Common** was dipping into a thousand-color palette to paint a picture that would capture the experience of the average person and all of its nuances.

The name of his masterpiece is **BE**. This simple yet profound album is the culmination of 13 years in the music business and a lifetime of feeling, learning and growing. "I look at my career like a circle," says Common. **BE** can be considered a tribute to Common's humble beginnings as an underground artist or better yet, a return to his roots. Ironically, the album is as raw as it is refined: refined in that it presents a reflection of the artist's music career, raw in that it delivers the pure and soulful sounds that originally accrued much respect from fans. Much like its name, **BE** is simple.

Opening for Common is Shad K. Shadrach Kabango (**Shad K**) is 22-year old emcee who performs solo as well as with the hip hop/funk band The Fountain St. Blues Project. Shad first appeared on a 2002 demo with former group Bread and Water which landed the crew an opening spot for the legendary **Masta Ace** and also caught the attention of UK indie label Tru Thoughts Records. This relationship has led to collaborations with the talented **DJ Tm Juke** on the song *Get It Together* for his debut LP and on the 12" single "Melodic Stroll". The latter song cracked the top 10 on **DJpages.com** -- an International Hip Hop Chart in the spring of 2004.

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with special guest Shad K

Wednesday February 22, 2006

@ The Kool Haus (132 Queens Quay East)

*****Tickets on sale Friday February 3, 2006*****

Tickets are \$34.50 in advance and are available at Ticketmaster, Play de Record, Rotate This, Soundscapes & Shanti Baba.

All Ages & Licensed Event, Doors @ 8:00pm, Show @ 9:00pm

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