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Cold Wind Records Signs Altered Five

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota – Cold Wind Records is proud to announce the signing of Altered Five. The Milwaukee-based blues/rock band will release its debut album, *Bluesified*, in March 2008.

Formed in 2002, the band has built a solid reputation with its innovative brand of rockin' rhythm and blues. According to prominent blues journalist Dave Rubin, "Altered Five re-imagines rock hits with the hip sensibility of jazz, the energy of the toughest rock 'n' roll and the soul of the blues. Singer Jeff Taylor transforms every song into a funky R&B workout while guitarist Jeff Schroedl comps and solos with consummate taste, tone and technique."

Cold Wind president Tim Bradach said of the deal, "The group has an uncanny ability to transform songs into their own distinctive sound, and the singing and playing is tremendous. I'm absolutely thrilled to be able to bring them to our label."

Bluesified captures the full flavor of the band's powerhouse live performances. Recorded in Madison, Wisconsin, the album's ten songs have an instant familiarity yet the arrangements ooze with originality. The rhythm section, featuring Scott Schroedl (drums) and Mark Solveson (bass), is dripping with gutsy grooves over which Jeff Schroedl and keyboardist Ray Tevich blend their stinging riffs and solos. Taylor's booming baritone delivery rounds out the group's sound.

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About Cold Wind Records:

Founded in 1988, Cold Wind Records is a leading independent blues record label. The company's catalog consists of titles by many blues luminaries, including Lazy Bill Lucas, Lamont Cranston, Big George Jackson, Percy Strother, and Mojo Buford. Cold Wind is headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, and distributed by Portland, Oregon-based Allegro Corporation, one of the largest independent distributors of music in North America.

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