Recording Agreement

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of [Date] by and between:

1. [Artist’s Full Legal Name/Stage Name] (hereinafter referred to as the "Artist"), residing at [Artist’s Address], and

2. [Record Label’s Full Legal Name] (hereinafter referred to as the "Label"), with its principal place of business located at [Label’s Address].

WHEREAS, the Artist is a performer of musical compositions and desires to record and distribute music; and

WHEREAS, the Label is engaged in the business of recording, promoting, and distributing music and desires to represent the Artist in this capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Term of Agreement

The term of this Agreement shall begin on [Start Date] and shall continue for a period of [X years or until the delivery of X albums], unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

2. Recording Commitments

The Artist agrees to record and deliver to the Label [number] full-length albums (the "Recordings") during the term of this Agreement. The delivery schedule is as follows:

- [Details of deadlines for each album or song delivery]

The Recordings shall meet professional industry standards and shall be subject to the approval of the Label.

3. Ownership of Recordings

All master recordings produced under this Agreement shall be the sole property of the Label. The Artist grants the Label exclusive rights to use, distribute, market, and sell the Recordings.

4. Advances and Royalties

Advances: The Label shall provide the Artist with an advance of $[amount] upon execution of this Agreement. Such advance shall be recoupable against future royalties.

- Royalties: The Artist shall receive [percentage]% of net revenues from the sale and distribution of the Recordings after recoupment of the Label's costs, including the advance.

5. Marketing and Promotion

The Label shall have sole discretion over the marketing, promotion, and distribution of the Recordings. The Label will make reasonable efforts to promote the Artist and the Recordings, including:

- Organizing promotional campaigns

- Securing interviews and press coverage

- Distributing music to digital platforms

6. Exclusivity

During the term of this Agreement, the Artist shall not record, distribute, or perform any music for or with any other entity without the prior written consent of the Label.

7. Expenses

All costs and expenses related to the production, recording, and promotion of the Recordings shall be borne by the Label and recoupable from the Artist’s royalties.

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8. Warranties and Representations

The Artist represents and warrants that:

a. The Artist owns or controls the rights to all musical compositions recorded under this Agreement.

b. The Artist has not entered into any agreements that conflict with this Agreement.

c. The Recordings do not infringe on any third-party rights.

9. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated:

a. By mutual written consent of both parties.

b. By the Label if the Artist breaches any material term of this Agreement.

c. By the Artist if the Label fails to provide reasonable promotional support.

10. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of [State].

11. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements or representations.

12. Signatures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

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\*\*[Artist's Name]\*\*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*[Label Representative's Name]\*\*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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This template is just a starting point and should be tailored to the specific needs and circumstances of the Artist and Label. It's always wise to consult an entertainment attorney when finalizing such agreements to ensure that the terms comply with legal standards and adequately protect the interests of both parties.