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## THE FADED RELEASE 'BREAKING FREE' ON SKUNK-APE RECORDS

*"High School Musical Goes Punk"*

**April 3, 2008 – Hollywood, CA** – Alternative rock band, The Faded, announced their new single, *Breaking Free*, today. In December 2007, Skunk-Ape Records, Hollywood, invited the band to participate in a musical compilation tribute album to Disney's ultra-successful movie, *High School Musical*. Tentatively entitled, "*High School Musical Goes Punk!*," the Skunk-Ape release will feature rocked-up versions of many of the movie's best songs. The Faded's single is their version of the climactic song, "Breaking Free."

"The original song is beautiful and sweet – there's absolutely nothing wrong with it," says vocalist, Gene Blalock, "but I think the message of the song – being yourself and breaking free from others' expectations and demands – gets lost on a wider audience who only hear this pretty duet. Reworking the song makes the message more accessible." The Faded's version replaces the duet, with Blalock doing the primary vocals, and members Micheal Diamond and Freddy Maciel offering backing harmony. "The original is quite nice," according to bassist Micheal Diamond, "but adding energy, speeding it up, and offering a sense of urgency really allows people to appreciate the lyrics, and even the song, better." Reaction among fans of the group has been strongly positive, with many commenting that they prefer the new version to Disney's original.

"We hadn't planned on doing a single release. This was to be part of the compilation, but we've had so many people ask about it, that the label felt it was worth releasing on its own. It is a lot of fun to play," states drummer Freddy Maciel, "and I think many of our fans are picking up on the fun we have performing it."

The band says that the single will be available through their website, [www.thefaded.com](http://www.thefaded.com), as well as through Skunk-Ape Records and their distributors by the end of April 2008. Additional information is available from their manager, Phil Goldberg, at 773-388-2784.