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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

FLO & EDDIE, INC., a California corporation, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

SIRIUS XM RADIO, INC., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.: 13-CIV-5784(CM)(HP)

FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

[DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL]

Plaintiff FLO & EDDIE, INC. ("Plaintiff" or "Flo & Eddie") files this first amended class action complaint (the "Complaint") pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B) on behalf of itself and on behalf of all other similarly situated owners of sound recordings of musical performances that initially were "fixed" (*i.e.*, recorded) prior to February 15, 1972 (the "Pre-1972 Recordings") against Defendants SIRIUS XM RADIO, INC. ("Defendant" or "SiriusXM") and DOES 1-10, and alleges as follows:

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. New York common law provides protection for Pre-1972 Recordings from unauthorized reproduction, performance, distribution or other exploitation, and provides the owners of Pre-1972 Recordings the right to bring a claim for common law copyright infringement and a separate claim for unfair competition against parties who engage in such unauthorized actions. A common law copyright infringement claim in New York consists of two elements: (1) the existence of a valid copyright; and (2) unauthorized use, reproduction or other exploitation of the work protected by the copyright. In addition to these two elements, a claim for unfair competition in New York requires competition in the marketplace or similar actions designed for commercial benefit or deception of the public.
- 2. The principals of Flo & Eddie, Mark Volman and Howard Kaylan, have been performing together as The Turtles since 1965 and have recorded numerous iconic hits including "Happy Together," "It Ain't Me Babe," "She'd Rather Be With Me," "You Baby," "She's My Girl," "Elenore," and many others. Since approximately 1971, Flo & Eddie has owned the entire catalog of 100 original master recordings by The Turtles, all of which were recorded prior to February 15, 1972, and which have been and remain popular and valuable, notwithstanding changes in how recordings are made, distributed and performed. Plaintiff's Pre-1972 Recordings are the product of a significant investment of time, effort, money and creative talent in creating, manufacturing, advertising, promoting, selling, and licensing its recordings. In return, Plaintiff receives revenues, royalties and other compensation from its ongoing licensing and exploitation of these works.

- 3. Plaintiff receives payments for, among other uses, the distribution, reproduction and digital public performance of its Pre-72 Recordings, including by offering for sale (directly or though licenses) compact discs and digital music files for download, by licensing them to digital services (including for digital streaming to the public), and licensing them for use in motion pictures, television programs and commercials. The payments that Plaintiff receives are a main source of revenue used to pay Plaintiff's ongoing investment and expenses, and to compensate its principals, employees and representatives for their talent and work in creating the Pre-72 Recordings and for administering and collecting revenue generated by such works.
- 4. Digital music streaming is becoming integral to the dissemination of music. As technology changes and greater numbers of people listen to music via digital transmissions in lieu of purchasing music on CDs or digital music files, Plaintiff relies increasingly on revenues from the digital public performance of music, including Pre-72 Recordings. It is extremely important to Plaintiff's business that those who make a commercial use of Plaintiff's Pre-72 Recordings obtain licenses and pay Plaintiff for their use of Pre-72 Recordings.
- 5. Defendant SiriusXM is the sole provider of satellite radio service in the United States, known as "Sirius Satellite Radio," "XM Satellite Radio" and "SiriusXM Satellite Radio" (individually and collectively, the "Service"). SiriusXM uses satellite technology to transmit the Service to its subscribers. SiriusXM's channels are beamed from the ground to satellites, which then transmit digital audio files to SiriusXM receivers possessed by its subscribers. Over the past few years, SiriusXM has expanded into Internet-based digital streaming transmissions, increasing the number of its subscribers to over 25 million and earning billions of dollars in revenue.
- 6. The Service is distributed in New York to its subscribers through (a) satellite digital transmission directly to subscribers via digital radios manufactured or licensed by SiriusXM; (b) satellite digital transmission to subscribers of other services, such as DIRECTV Satellite Television Service and Dish Network Satellite Television Service via digital set top boxes manufactured or licensed by DIRECTV or Dish; and (c) the Internet, by way of (i) digital media

streaming devices, such as Roku, digital radios and home audio systems, such as Sonos; (ii) its website at <a href="www.SiriusXM.com">www.SiriusXM.com</a>; or (iii) computer, smart phone and other mobile applications for various operating systems, including Apple iOS, Android, Windows, Blackberry and HP webOS. As part of the Service, many subscribers in New York are also able to: (A) download the stream of a selected channel on the Service, allowing later or multiple listenings of the sound recordings previously streamed during the selected time period; (B) download particular sound recordings, allowing later or multiple listenings of such sound recordings; (C) download particular programs incorporating sound recordings as part of the Service's "On Demand" feature, allowing later or multiple listenings of such sound recordings; and (D) allow subscribers to pause, rewind and replay sound recordings using the Service's "Replay" feature or its "My SXM" feature.

- 7. SiriusXM sells the Service to subscribers for \$14.49 per month for its "Select" package and \$17.99 per month for its "Premier" package. The "Select" package provides over 165 satellite radio channels to its subscribers, including around-the-clock "commercial-free music, sports, talk, and entertainment." Of the seven categories into which SiriusXM characterizes its channels (for example, "Sports Talk/Play-by-Play," "News & Issues," and "Comedy"), by far the largest category is "Commercial-Free Music," which SiriusXM claims has 72 channels (The second-largest category, "Talk & Entertainment," has only 22 channels.).
- 8. The significant value of Pre-72 Recordings to SiriusXM's business and the popularity of Pre-72 Recordings among its paying subscribers is evidenced by, among other things, its advertising and promotion of the availability of Pre-72 Recordings on the Service. A significant portion of SiriusXM's channels feature classic recordings, including channels exclusively devoted to continuous public performances of the most popular Pre-72 Recordings by well-known recording artists.
- 9. SiriusXM uses Plaintiff's Pre-72 Recordings by distributing, reproducing and then publicly performing them to millions of SiriusXM subscribers. Additionally, SiriusXM has copied Plaintiffs' Pre-72 Recordings without Plaintiff's consent. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that SiriusXM has done so, among other ways, by obtaining

Plaintiff's recordings and copying them to its servers and to its satellites. SiriusXM then uses those unauthorized copies of Plaintiff's Pre-72 Recordings to transmit the performances embodied thereon to its subscribers. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that in such way, SiriusXM has distributed, reproduced and publicly performed Plaintiff's Pre-72 Recordings numerous times throughout the United States, including in the state and county of New York.

- 10. SiriusXM has never been licensed or authorized to duplicate, distribute, reproduce or publicly perform any of Plaintiff's Pre-72 Recordings. Although a significant portion of SiriusXM's \$3.4 billion in revenue earned in 2012 is attributable to Pre-72 Recordings, and though SiriusXM capitalizes on its customers' desire to listen to these recordings, SiriusXM refuses to seek licenses from Plaintiff or pay to Plaintiff any royalties or other compensation. Conversely, SiriusXM pays digital public performance royalties for the performance of *post*-1972 sound recordings that are covered by the federal Copyright Act.
- 11. By its conduct, SiriusXM not only deprives Plaintiff of the revenues to which it and others are entitled, but also places those streaming services that do obtain licenses from, account to, and pay Plaintiff for the performance of Plaintiff's Pre-72 Recordings in a competitive disadvantage. SiriusXM's refusal to pay for its continued use of Pre-72 Recordings directly contravenes New York law and policy, which always have provided equal, if not greater, rights to owners of sound recordings than the federal Copyright Act.
- 12. In 1972, Congress amended the United States Copyright Act to add for the first time "sound recordings" to the list of works protected under federal copyright law. 17 U.S.C. § 102(a)(7) (2013). At the same time, Congress also preserved "any rights or remedies under the common law or statutes of any State" with respect to sound recordings "fixed" before February 15, 1972. 17 U.S.C. § 301(c) (2013). As a result, pre-existing New York protection for Pre-72 Recordings was left untouched and subject to evolution and refinement by the courts. Congress initially limited the federal sound recording copyright to include certain of the exclusive rights conferred on other works namely, the rights of reproduction, adaptation, and distribution and

to exclude the right to publicly perform sound recordings. New York law has never delimited, either explicitly or implicitly, the scope of common law protection of Pre-72 Recordings, and did not exclude the right of public performance from the rights of owners in Pre-72 Recordings.

- 13. This broad protection afforded to Pre-72 Recordings is consistent with the recognition by New York courts of critical, important public policy interests in providing strong state law protection for sound recordings. These interests include ensuring that record companies receive compensation from their substantial expenditure of effort, skill and money in creating, marketing and exploiting recorded performances, as well as ensuring that the owners of sound recordings possess adequate remedies against those who misappropriate and profit from such performances. New York's protections for sound recordings thus are complete, providing exclusive ownership and rights in Pre-72 Recordings that are not limited in any way, and that include any conduct by which individuals or entities seek to unfairly compete and profit from the skill and labor of Plaintiff by appropriating and exploiting Pre-72 Recordings for their own benefit, including by unauthorized and unlicensed reproduction and public performance of these recordings.
- 14. The need for effective state law protection of Pre-72 Recordings is especially great today. Pre-72 Recordings comprise a significant and important share of the overall body of existing musical recordings, and include some of the most popular and valued recordings in history. Many digital radio channels and services are dedicated entirely to the dissemination and performance of Pre-72 Recordings, such as classic rock, jazz, R&B, and classical recordings. The rise of digital media has made the threat to Pre-72 Recordings acute, as virtually anyone with a computer and an Internet connection can copy and then distribute and perform high-quality music instantaneously to millions. As digital technology has improved, the cost of digital services has diminished, and, as a result music consumption habits have changed. Music consumers increasingly obtain and enjoy music via online or satellite "radio" or digital streaming services instead of purchasing CDs or digital music files.

- 15. To address the anticipated shift in music consumption habits and the rise of digital radio services and, therefore, the need to provide *federal* protection for the performance of copyrighted sound recordings, Congress passed the Digital Performance Rights in Sound Recordings Act ("DPRA"), granting owners of *post*-72 copyrighted sound recordings the right to "perform the copyrighted work publicly by means of a digital audio transmission." 17 U.S.C. § 106(6) (2013).
- 16. New York's protection for Pre-72 Recordings has never been less extensive than federal copyright protection for *post*-72 recordings. New York had provided common law protection for Pre-72 Recordings without any exclusions and including the right of public performance. Those, like SiriusXM, who build their business and make money from the copying, reproduction and public performance of Pre-72 Recordings must obtain the right under New York law to use them and must compensate their owners.
- 17. Plaintiff Flo & Eddie brings this class action on its own behalf and on behalf of all other similarly situated owners of Pre-1972 Recordings (the "Class" or "Class Members") to put an end to SiriusXM's wholesale infringement and misappropriation of their Pre-1972 Recordings and to obtain damages, including punitive damages, and injunctive relief. Simply stated, SiriusXM has disregarded the Plaintiff's and other Class Members' exclusive ownership of their Pre-1972 Recordings in New York, impaired their ability to sell, lawfully exploit, or otherwise control their Pre-1972 Recordings as permitted under New York law and misappropriated same for its own financial gain. SiriusXM's conduct is causing, and will continue to cause, enormous and irreparable harm to Plaintiff and the other Class Members unless compensatory and punitive damages are awarded against SiriusXM and it is enjoined and restrained from engaging in further infringement and misappropriation of the Pre-1972 Recordings.

# THE PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

18. Plaintiff Flo & Eddie is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of California, with its principal place of business in Los Angeles, California. Plaintiff is engaged in the business of distributing, selling, and/or licensing the reproduction, distribution, sale, and

performance of its Pre-1972 Recordings in phonorecords, in audiovisual works, and for streaming (*i.e.*, performing) and downloading over the Internet. Plaintiff invests substantial money, time, effort, and creative talent in creating, advertising, promoting, selling, and licensing its unique and valuable sound recordings.

- 19. Plaintiff possesses exclusive ownership rights in The Turtles Pre-1972 Recordings, the titles of which are specified on the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference ("Plaintiff's Recordings"). The United States Congress expressly has recognized that the states provide exclusive protection through various state law doctrines to recordings "fixed" before February 15, 1972, and that the federal Copyright Act does not "annul[] or limit[]those rights until February 15, 2067." 17 U.S.C. § 301(c). Accordingly, as quoted above, New York law protects the exclusive ownership of Plaintiff and the other Class Members to their Pre-1972 Recordings in New York.
- 20. Upon information and belief, Defendant SiriusXM is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, with its principal place of business in New York, New York. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant in that Defendant's principal place of business is in the County of New York, Defendant is engaged in tortious conduct in New York, and Defendant's conduct causes injury to Plaintiff and the other Class Members in New York.
- 21. This court has subject matter jurisdiction over the subject matter of this class action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). The amount in controversy exceeds Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), there are more than one thousand (1,000) putative Class Members, and the requisite minimal diversity of citizenship exists because Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens of different States.
- 22. Venue of this action is proper in this jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) in that Defendant maintains its principal offices in the County of New York.
- 23. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of defendants named herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names (the "Doe Defendants"). Plaintiff

will amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when such have been ascertained. Upon information and belief, each of the Doe Defendants herein is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and Plaintiff's injuries and those of the other Class Members as herein alleged were proximately caused by such defendants' acts or omissions. (All of the Defendants, including the Doe Defendants, collectively are referred to as "Defendants").

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 24. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 on behalf of itself and the other Class Members defined as the owners of Pre-1972 Recordings reproduced, performed, distributed or otherwise exploited by Defendants in New York without a license or authorization to do so during the period from August 10, 2009 to the present. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify this definition of the Class after further discovery; the Court may also be requested to utilize and certify subclasses in the interests of ascertainability, manageability, justice and/or judicial economy.
- 25. This action may be properly brought and maintained as a class action because there is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the Class Members are readily and easily ascertainable and identifiable from Defendant SiriusXM's database files and records. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants have engaged a third party to supply the metadata, including the metadata relating to Pre-1972 Recordings unlawfully streamed to subscribers in New York, and that such metadata contains the name and location of the owners thereof. The Class members are further ascertainable through methods typical of class action practice and procedure.
- 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon, that the Pre-1972 Recordings infringed and misappropriated in New York by Defendants number in the millions and are owned by many thousands of Class Members. It is therefore impractical to join all of the Class Members as named Plaintiffs. Further, the claims of the Class Members may range from

smaller sums to larger sums. Accordingly, using the class action mechanism is the most economically feasible means of determining and adjudicating the merits of this litigation.

- 27. The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class Members, and Plaintiff's interests are consistent with and not antagonistic to those of the other Class Members it seeks to represent. Plaintiff and the other Class Members have all been subject to infringement and misappropriation of their Pre-1972 Recordings in New York, have sustained actual pecuniary loss and face irreparable harm from Defendants' continued infringement and misappropriation of their Pre-1972 Recordings.
- 28. Plaintiff has no interests that are adverse to, or which conflict with, the interests of the other Class Members and is ready and able to fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the other Class Members. Plaintiff believes strongly in the protection of artists' rights in connection with their creative work. Plaintiff has raised viable claims for infringement and unfair competition of the type well established in New York and reasonably expected to be raised by Class Members. Plaintiff will diligently pursue those claims. If necessary, Plaintiff may seek leave of the Court to amend this Complaint to include additional class representatives to represent the Class or additional claims as may be appropriate. Plaintiff is represented by experienced, qualified and competent counsel who are committed to prosecuting this action.
- 29. Common questions of fact and law exist as to all Class Members that plainly predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class Members. These common legal and factual questions, which do not vary from Class Member to Class Member, and which may be determined without reference to the individual circumstances of any Class Member include, without limitation, the following:
  - (A) Whether Defendant SiriusXM reproduced, performed, distributed or otherwise exploited Pre-1972 Recordings in New York;
  - (B) Whether Defendant SiriusXM's reproduction, performance, distribution or other exploitation of Pre-1972 Recordings in New York constitutes common law copyright infringement under New York law;

- (C) Whether Defendant SiriusXM's reproduction, performance, distribution or other exploitation of Pre-1972 Recordings in New York constitutes unfair competition in violation of New York law;
- (D) The basis on which restitution and/or damages to all injured members of the Class can be computed;
- (E) Whether Defendant SiriusXM's violation of New York common law for copyright infringement entitles the Class Members to recover punitive damages;
- (F) Whether Defendant SiriusXM's violation of New York common law for copyright infringement is continuing, thereby entitling Class Members to injunctive or other equitable relief;
- (G) Whether Defendant SiriusXM's violation of New York's laws against unfair competition entitles the Class Members to recover punitive damages; and
- (H) Whether Defendant SiriusXM's violation of New York's laws against unfair competition is continuing, thereby entitling Class Members to injunctive or other relief.
- 30. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since individual litigation of the claims of all Class Members is highly impractical. Even if every Class Member could afford to pursue individual litigation, the Court system could not. It would be unduly burdensome to the courts in which individual litigation of numerous cases would proceed. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for varying, inconsistent or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system resulting from multiple trials of the same factual issues. By contrast, maintenance of this action as a class action, with respect to some or all of the issues presented herein, presents few management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and of the court system, and protects the rights of each Class Member. Plaintiff anticipates no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

- 31. Additionally, the prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members may create a risk of adjudications with respect to them that would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other Class Members not parties to such adjudications or that would substantially impair or impede the ability of such nonparty Class Members to protect their interests. The prosecution of individual actions by Class Members could establish inconsistent results and incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant SiriusXM.
- 32. Defendants have engaged in common law copyright infringement and unfair competition, which has affected all of the Class Members such that final and injunctive relief on behalf of the Class as a whole is efficient and appropriate.

# **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

# (Common Law Copyright Infringement)

- 33. Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 32, above, as though set forth in full herein.
- 34. The Pre-1972 Recordings are unique intellectual property subject to common law copyright protection under the law of the State of New York.
- 35. As the owners of valid common law copyrights or exclusive licensees in and to the Pre-1972 Recordings, Plaintiff and the other Class Members possess the exclusive rights to reproduce, perform, distribute or otherwise exploit the Pre-1972 Recordings, and license, or refrain from licensing, others to do so.
- 36. Plaintiff and the other Class Members have not authorized or licensed Defendants to reproduce, perform, distribute or otherwise exploit the Pre-1972 Recordings in any manner.
- 37. The distribution, reproduction, performance or other exploitation by Defendants of unauthorized copies of the Pre-1972 Recordings, including, without limitation, those listed in Exhibit A, constitute infringement of Plaintiff and the Other Class Member's common law copyrights in such recordings and violation of their exclusive rights therein. The Plaintiff and Class Members have invested substantial time and money in the development of their Pre-1972 Recordings.

- 38. The Defendants have infringed the copyrights to the Pre-1972 Recordings at little or no cost and without license or authority. They have copied the Pre-1972 Recordings owned by Plaintiff and the other Class Members, and distributed and publicly perform these recordings in New York for their subscribers. Defendants have disregarded the Plaintiff's and other Class Members' copyrights in and exclusive ownership of their Pre-1972 Recordings, impaired their ability to sell, lawfully exploit, or otherwise control their Pre-1972 Recordings, all for their own financial gain.
- 39. As a direct and proximate consequence of Defendants' copyright infringement of the Pre-1972 Recordings owned by Plaintiff and the Class Members, Plaintiff and the Class Members have been damaged in an amount that is not as yet fully ascertained but which Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon, exceeds \$100,000,000, according to proof.
- 40. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon, that in engaging in the conduct described above, the Defendants acted with oppression, fraud and/or malice. The conduct of the Defendants has been despicable and undertaken in conscious disregard of the Plaintiff's and each Class Member's rights. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to an award of punitive damages against Defendants in an amount sufficient to punish and make an example of them according to proof.
- 41. Defendants' conduct is causing, and unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, will continue to cause, Plaintiff and each Class Member great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money, and for which Plaintiff and each Class Member has no adequate remedy at law. Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctions, prohibiting further violation of Plaintiff's and Class Members' rights in and exclusive ownership of their Pre-1972 Recordings in New York.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Unfair Competition)

42. Plaintiff hereby incorporates the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 41, above, as though set forth herein.

- 43. Plaintiff's Pre-1972 Recordings are valuable assets to Plaintiff. Plaintiff is engaged in the selling and licensing of all forms of distribution, reproduction, performance or other exploitation of their Pre-1972 Recordings, including, without limitation, by selling physical compact discs and digital Phonorecord deliveries, licensing distribution and performances via digital streaming transmission and licensing the master use in audio-visual recordings, such as movies and commercials. From inception, such Pre-1972 Recordings have generated for Plaintiff millions of dollars in revenues from such selling and licensing activities. Plaintiff's licensing the distribution of the Pre-1972 Recordings via digital streaming transmission has increased significantly over the past several years, and now represent a significant portion of the overall revenues received by Plaintiff.
- 44. Without a license or payment, SiriusXM copies, distributes, reproduces and performs the Pre-1972 Recordings, and allows its subscribers to: (a) listen to Pre-1972 Recordings via satellite or online digital audio transmissions without purchasing or licensing them; (b) replay, skip and remove (for such subscriber) sound recordings on certain channels through its "Replay" feature and its "MySXM" feature; and (c) download Pre-1972 Recordings to a subscriber's device, including through its OnDemand feature.
- 45. Defendants have paid nothing to Plaintiff or the Other Class Members for distributing, reproducing and performing the Pre-1972 Recordings. Without expending any time, labor or money of its own, Defendants have simply appropriated the commercial qualities, reputation and salable properties of the Pre-1972 Recordings, including, without limitation those recordings listed on Exhibit A, by unfairly and directly competing with Plaintiff and the other Class Members' use, sale, distribution and exploitation of the Pre-1972 Recordings. In so doing, Defendants have undermined Plaintiff and the other Class Members' substantial creative and financial investment for Defendants' own commercial benefit.
- 46. Defendants have usurped for itself the fruits of Plaintiff and the other Class Members' financial and creative investments. Defendants are profiting from the results of Plaintiff and the other Class Members' expenditures and skill without having to incur any

expense or risk of its own in relation to the Pre-1972 Recordings. Furthermore, Defendants' unauthorized use of the Pre-1972 Recordings is likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception as to the source, sponsorship, affiliation or connection between Plaintiff and the other Class Members, and Defendants.

- 47. Through its marketing, selling and licensing activities, Plaintiff is in the business of exploiting its Pre-1972 Recordings for Plaintiff's commercial gain. Through marketing and operating the Service, Defendants are using and exploiting the Pre-1972 Recordings without license or payment for Defendants' financial gain and commercial advantage. Defendants' copying, distribution, reproduction and performance of Pre-1972 Recordings through the Service compete with Plaintiff in several ways. First, Defendants copying, distribution, reproduction and performance of the Pre-1972 Recordings without a license and without payment place a significant, unfair and anticompetitive downward pressure on the licensing fees Plaintiff is able to charge other services in the marketplace who do license and pay for such rights from Plaintiff, resulting in a direct financial loss to Plaintiff. Second, as digital transmissions are substituting over time for sales of sound recordings, Defendants are diverting to themselves income Plaintiff would have otherwise collected from sales of Plaintiff's Pre-1972 Recordings, resulting in Defendants' obtaining business that rightfully belongs to Plaintiff, and lost dealings and lost profits to Plaintiff from Defendants' anticompetitive acts. Such actions by Defendants are designed for their commercial benefit to the detriment of Plaintiff and the other Class Members. As a result, Plaintiff has been harmed by lost license fees and lost sales.
- 48. Defendants' acts constitute a misappropriation of Plaintiff and the other Class Members' property and rights in and to the Pre-1972 Recordings, and constitute misappropriation and unfair competition under New York law.
- 49. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' misappropriation and unfair competition, Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to recover all proceeds and other compensation received or to be received by Defendants from their misappropriation and unfair competition of the Pre-1972 Recordings. Plaintiff and the members of the Class have been

damaged, and Defendants have been unjustly enriched, in an amount that is not as yet fully ascertained but which Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon, exceeds \$100,000,000, according to proof at trial. Such damages and/or restitution and disgorgement should include a declaration by this Court that Defendants are constructive trustees for the benefit of Plaintiff and the other Class Members, and an order that Defendants convey to Plaintiff and Class Members the gross receipts received or to be received that are attributable to Defendants misappropriation of the Pre-1972 Recordings.

- 50. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges thereon, that in engaging in the conduct as described above, the Defendants acted with oppression, fraud and/or malice. The conduct of the Defendants has been despicable and undertaken in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to an award of punitive damages against Defendants, and each of them, in an amount sufficient to punish and make an example of them according to proof at trial.
- 51. Defendants' conduct is causing, and unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, will continue to cause, Plaintiff and the Class Members great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money. Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctions, prohibiting further violation of Plaintiff's and the other Class Members right to exclusive ownership of their Pre-1972 Recordings and further acts of unfair competition and misappropriation.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the other Class Members, prays for Judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as follows:

#### **Regarding the Class Action:**

- That this is a proper class action maintainable pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and
- 2. That the named Plaintiff is appropriate to be appointed representative of the respective Class.

# On The First Cause of Action For Common Law Copyright Infringement against all Defendants:

- 1. For compensatory damages in excess of \$100,000,000 according to proof at trial;
- 2. Punitive and exemplary damages according to proof trial; and
- 3. A temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Defendants, and their respective agents, servants, directors, officers, principals, employees, representatives, subsidiaries and affiliated companies, successors, assigns, and those acting in concert with them or at their direction, from directly or indirectly infringing the copyrights in the Pre-1972 Recordings in New York in any manner, including without limitation by directly or indirectly copying, reproducing, downloading, distributing, communicating to the public, uploading, linking to, transmitting, publicly performing, or otherwise exploiting in any manner any of the Pre-1972 Recordings.

# On The Second Cause of Action For Unfair Competition against all Defendants:

- 1. For compensatory damages in excess of \$100,000,000 according to proof at trial;
- 2. Punitive and exemplary damages according to proof at trial;
- 3. Imposition of a constructive trust;
- 4. Restitution of Defendants' unlawful proceeds, including Defendants' gross profits; and
- 5. A temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Defendants, and their respective agents, servants, directors, officers, principals, employees, representatives, subsidiaries and affiliated companies, successors, assigns, and those acting in concert with them or at their direction, from directly or indirectly misappropriating in any manner the Pre-1972 Recordings, including without limitation by directly or indirectly copying, reproducing, downloading, distributing, communicating to the public, uploading, linking to, transmitting, publicly performing, or otherwise exploiting in any manner any of the Pre-1972 Recordings.

#### On All Causes of Action:

1. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as permitted by law;

- 2. For prejudgement interest at the legal rate; and
- 3. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 38(b), Plaintiff FLO & EDDIE, INC. hereby demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

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