

**CAPITOL/EMI TO RELEASE CAREER-SPANNING BLUR COLLECTION,
'MIDLIFE: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO BLUR,' ON JULY 28**

25-Track 2CD & Digital Collection Spans Band's Seven Studio Albums

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Hollywood, California – May 26, 2009 – On July 28, a new 2CD and digital collection of 25 tracks spanning Blur's seven studio albums will be released by Capitol/EMI. In addition to presenting the band's standout album cuts and charting singles together for the first time, *Midlife: A Beginner's Guide To Blur* includes a long out-of-print track. This summer, Blur will perform two sold-out concerts in London's Hyde Park and will headline several major European music festivals.

Midlife: A Beginner's Guide To Blur features the Billboard chart singles "She's So High," "Chemical World," "Girls & Boys," and "Song 2," and album tracks including "Sing" from 1991's *Leisure*, "Badhead" and "This Is A Low" from 1994's *Parklife*, and "Strange News From Another Star" from 1997's *Blur*. "Popscene," an out-of-print single from 1992, is exclusively available on the new collection.

Blur was formed in Colchester, England in 1989 by singer and keyboardist Damon Albarn, guitarist Graham Coxon, bassist Alex James, and drummer Dave Rowntree. In 1990, Blur signed with Food Records and the band's debut single, "She's So High," reached Billboard's Top 50, while the follow-up single, "There's No Other Way," hit the Top 10. In 1995, Blur won an unprecedented four Brit Awards and went on to win the Ivor Novello Award for songwriting. Two of the band's albums, *Parklife* and *13*, have been nominated for the Mercury Music Prize.

Blur will headline the Glastonbury Festival in June, followed by two sold-out concerts with audiences of 50,000 per show at London's Hyde Park on July 2 and 3. Blur has also confirmed headlining performances at France's Les Nuits De Fourviere on July 5, Ireland's Oxegen on July 10, and Scotland's T In The Park on July 12.

For more information, visit Blur's official Website: www.blur.co.uk.

Midlife: A Beginner's Guide To Blur (2CD; digital)

CD 1

1. Beetlebum
2. Girls & Boys
3. For Tomorrow
4. Coffee & TV
5. Out Of Time
6. Blue Jeans
7. Song 2
8. Bugman
9. He Thought Of Cars
10. Death Of A Party
11. The Universal
12. Sing
13. This Is A Low

CD 2

1. Tender
2. She's So High
3. Chemical World
4. Good Song
5. Parklife
6. Advert
7. Popscene
8. Stereotypes
9. Trimm Trabb
10. Badhead
11. Strange News From Another Star
12. Battery In Your Leg