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## **Veteran Recording Engineer and Producer Signs Straight Skinny to Stonecutter Label**

**Chicago, IL** (July 5, 2018) – Local alternative hip-hop duo Straight Skinny was signed this month to Stonecutter Records, a South Loop music production company and independent record label, ahead of releasing their debut album, *Speak*, this fall.

Straight Skinny is a project created by cousins Eddy and Sean Birth centered on revealing the inside scoop with regards to life's challenges, expectations, vulnerabilities, and aspirations. After scouting different music studios for the right investment, they chose the familiar expertise of Stonecutter Records' music producer and chief engineer Chris Steinmetz. "I first met Chris while working on my personal project, *The Same Way*," Eddy said. "He was passionate on furthering my artistic development and creating music that would last the test of time. From there, I knew that I wanted to produce a full-band project with him."

Stonecutter Recording Studios, often cited as one of Chicago's best places to make a record, evolved with the addition of its own label, Stonecutter Records, in 2012. It has become an environment where independent bands can come to find direction while more established acts come to realize their full, creative vision. "The whole idea is for this studio to be participatory between bands, fans, and other areas of the music industry," Steinmetz said.

Steinmetz has over 30 years of experience in the music industry working on gold, platinum, and Grammy-nominated albums. Steinmetz began his career working as an assistant engineer for Warner Bros. Records in Los Angeles and began freelancing before moving back to Chicago in 1996. He served as Chief Engineer at Chicago Trax and also was the Senior Producer/Engineer at Chicago Recording Company for 10 years.

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