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Zé Dos Frangos Release Portugal/Slovakia

Austin, Texas, April 21, 2009— Zé Dos Frangos release their first album, *Portugal/ Slovakia*, May 16, 2009, at an ambitious, trans-Atlantic release party in Austin, Texas. American band members in Austin connect with their European counterparts via satellite. In Austin the party starts at 2pm at the Cherrywood Coffeehouse on 1400 E 38th 1/2 Street and will be broadcast live on the band's website. The double EP, one half from Portugal, the other from Slovakia, incorporates English, Portuguese, and Slovak lyrics and combines several musical genres including Indie Rock and World Music. The album developed from collaborations with European bands AA Tigre, The Loosers, Gala Drop, and Vanilla Club.

Formed in 2007 by American expat Nathan Lively, the band (from Austin, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and Slovakia) combines ingredients of American alternative rock, low-fi electronic beats, and traditional Spanish music, resulting in a distinct, original flavor. All the musicians are neo-traveling gypsies--disillusioned with the American Dream, looking for new value with wanderlust in their bones. The *Austin Chronicle* listed the band as a Top Pick of the 2008 SXSW music festival. *Chronicle* reviewer Doug Freeman cited the band's greatest strengths, "male/female vocals softly intertwining over sparse indie electronics."

Ze Dos Frangos information, tour dates, and music downloads are available at www.zedosfrangos.com.

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