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**METalliance® to hold “In Session” event at Blackbird Studio in Nashville, May 18 & 19**

Award-winning engineers/producers George Massenburg, Jimmy Douglass, Sylvia Massy and Niko Bolas to cover a wide range of topics including tracking/recording a live act, mixing in stereo and immersive, and much more

NASHVILLE, TN, March 26, 2024 – The [METalliance (Music Engineering and Technology Alliance)](https://metalliance.com/), the preeminent association of award-winning audio engineers/producers, announces an upcoming “In Session” event on May 18-19 at Blackbird Studio in Nashville, TN. This weekend event features two days of sessions, including Mixing in the facility’s famous Dolby Atmos® 9.1.6 mix/reference room (Studio C) with George Massenburg and Jimmy Douglass, and Tracking in Studio D with Sylvia Massy and Niko Bolas. Chuck Ainlay will act as the host for the weekend’s events. Indie rock act [Multi Ultra](https://www.multiultraband.com/), recent winners of the Music Mayhem contest, thrown yearly by Nashville’s Lighting 100 (100.1 FM WRLT), will serve as the recording subjects for the sessions. Additionally throughout the two-day “In Session” event, Massenburg, Douglass, Massy and Bolas will share their insights on the latest in music recording and immersive techniques.

Held at the legendary Blackbird Studio facility, this “In Session” event will allow participants to engage directly with METalliance members in live recording and mixing sessions. Attendees will gain close-up experience and insights into essential tracking and microphone techniques, deeply immersing themselves in the intricate recording session process, and also actively participating in mixing, critical listening and evaluation exercises with some of the greatest engineers/producers of all time. The METalliance “In Session” events present a distinctive chance to explore living history while acquiring invaluable skills from esteemed master craftsmen – members of the METalliance. Each participant engages in four sessions, tailored to offer distinct experiences in the recording process and facilitated by our esteemed members. As an added bonus, those participants who sign up for VIP attendance will get a chance to have a review of one of their mixes by either George Massenburg, Jimmy Douglass, Sylvia Massy or Niko Bolas. This will occur after the normal session hours on Saturday. This opportunity will be strictly limited to eight people. Admittance to all four sessions is restricted to ensure an intimate, personalized interaction.

“For the forthcoming event at Blackbird Studio in Nashville, we’re teaming up with outstanding musicians Multi Ultra for the tracking and recording sessions, and for an unparalleled stereo and immersive mixing session experience we’re in a cutting-edge studio control room environment,” stated METalliance co-founder Chuck Ainlay. “Guests will have the unique chance to witness and engage with our acclaimed METalliance engineers/producers George Massenburg, Jimmy Douglass, Sylvia Massy and Niko Bolas as they demonstrate their individual recording and mixing approaches live. Our ‘In Session’ gatherings offer an incomparable opportunity to delve into the realms of recording, mixing, and session lore, while learning invaluable techniques from our esteemed team of master producers and engineers.”

The 2024 series of METalliance “In Session” events also includes upcoming stops at EastWest Studios in Los Angeles, CA, and The Hideout, Las Vegas, NV (dates for both to be announced).

About Blackbird Studio

Founded by legendary sound engineer John McBride and his country superstar wife, Martina McBride, in 2002, Blackbird Studio is known for its state-of-the-art production facilities and unparalleled collection of vintage and modern recording equipment.

Blackbird is one of the world’s most successful and renowned recording complexes. The studio’s complex covers nearly a city block in the Berry Hill Neighborhood of Nashville, with nine different recording studios, [The Blackbird Academy](https://theblackbirdacademy.com/), a post-secondary audio engineering school, [Blackbird Audio Rentals](https://www.blackbirdaudiorentals.com/), and [Inside Blackbird](https://insideblackbird.com/) – a new online learning platform.

Blackbird offers the highest-quality recording experience. It’s the first choice of many accomplished artists, including Taylor Swift, John Mayer, Dolly Parton, Beck, Rush, Sheryl Crow, Miley Cyrus, Keith Urban, Kings of Leon, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, Blake Shelton, Kesha, The White Stripes, Snoop Dogg, Pearl Jam, Neil Young, and countless others.

To secure your spot for a unique and enriching experience with the METalliance, or for more information on the upcoming METalliance “In Session” events, visit <https://metalliance.com>.

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Photo caption 1: The METalliance team who will be hosting the “In Session” event at Blackbird Studio in Nashville, May 18 & 19

Photo file 2: META\_Blackbird\_Sessions.JPG

Photo caption 2: Attendees to the upcoming METalliance “In Session” event at Blackbird Studio in Nashville will experience sessions on Mixing in the facility’s famous Dolby Atmos® 9.1.6 mix/reference room (Studio C) with George Massenburg and Jimmy Douglass, and Tracking in Studio D with Sylvia Massy and Niko Bolas

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**About The METalliance**

Established in 2005, The METalliance (Music Engineering & Technology Alliance) is composed of globally-recognized, award-winning audio engineers/producers Chuck Ainlay, Niko Bolas, Jimmy Douglass, Frank Filipetti, George Massenburg, Sylvia Massy and Elliot Scheiner, who have been deeply involved in establishing techniques and technical standards that are the foundation of modern music recording. The METalliance works with producers, engineers, educators and manufacturers to further the best practices and technology developed in modern recording and to help ensure the skills and techniques that have developed through the history of recording are carried forward.

***METalliance: strategic union of music producers and engineers dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of audio recording.*** [***https://metalliance.com***](https://metalliance.com/)