E! Opening Act

Objectives

• E! premiered a new series called “Opening Act” in the summer of 2012 that “broke the mold” of talent/reality television.
• The show, conceived and produced by Nigel Lythgoe, surprises unknown artists, found online, with the chance to open for a top music superstar.
• There are no judges to woo, auditions to pass or rounds to win. Each band or solo act has only days to prepare after a surprise visit that presents them with an opportunity they never knew existed, and viewers follow them from obscurity to the big-time gig that could change their lives forever.
• Create buzz among music fans for the premiere of Opening Act on E!
• Drive tune-in for the premiere of Opening Act on E!

Solution

• So how do you get fans excited to watch an “Opening Act”? By reminding them via custom song/artist intros that their favorite acts were once an opening act, too.
• Katz Marketing Solutions partnered with participating radio stations to introduce top ranked songs and artists with an E! Opening Act promo spot presented by station DJ’s.
• The contextually relevant campaign ran throughout day parts on a single day leading up to the show’s premiere on E!.

Results

• The aggressive single day schedule of short form ads delivered nearly 50,000,000 ad impressions (A18-49) in just one day.