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2009 TASTE FOR DOUGLASVILLE ARTS
Historic Downtown Douglasville's Most Popular Event!

Douglasville, Georgia – In partnership with the Downtown Development Authority, the Douglasville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the City of Douglasville, the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents the 2009 TASTE FOR DOUGLASVILLE ARTS, now in its fifteenth year and better and bigger than ever before, on May 16th from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on O'Neal Plaza -- a family festival no one should not miss! The 2009 Taste for Douglasville Arts will include more vendors, more restaurants, more participants, and more family fun as well as more promotion of this community cultural showcase in historic downtown Douglasville.

Janice Thompson and Linda Worthan, our community's two first ladies, serve as our Honorary Co-Chairs for the event again this year; and CAC Board Member Allison Williams of Managed Care Billing Services, is our Event Chair. WSB 750-AM Radio is our media sponsor again in 2009 with Captain Herb Emory presenting a live feed program from the festival site throughout the event, and the *Douglas County Sentinel* published the 2009 festival program. This year there will be a wide variety of high quality arts and crafts, lots of children's activities including the sidewalk chalk contest and pony rides, and two festival stages – a variety of talented local performers on O'Neal Plaza, hosted by Bob Smith (former Cultural Arts Council Board Chair) and student showcases on our second stage on Courthouse Square East, hosted by Henry Mitchell (former City Councilman).

A special new festival kickoff event, Taste of the Grape, will feature sampling of four fine wines, great jazz performed by the Daniel Padron Trio, and delectable hors d'oeuvres catered by Sam & Rosco's at the Chamber of Commerce downtown on Friday, May 15th, 6 until 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person (\$12 for CAC members). There will also be a raffle for an elegant original work of art designed for the 2009 Taste of the Grape by stained glass artist and CAC Board member Mack Porter; raffle tickets will be \$10.

Another special addition this year is our Saturday evening, free Spring Concert on the Plaza, from 7 until 9 p.m., featuring a performance by Zydeco T, the best Cajun dance band in Georgia, immediately following after the Taste festival so our community celebration can continue into the evening. Free dance lessons will be offered by Anthony Lewis during the concert.

Concurrent with the 2009 Taste for Douglasville, Keep Douglasville Beautiful, Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority, and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service present the first annual Home Efficiency Fair, from Saturday, May 16th, from 11 until 5 p.m., at the Old Douglas County Courthouse adjacent to the downtown festival site. This new Taste partnership will offer speakers, workshops, vendor booths and prizes throughout the day. Admission is free.

Last year more than 8,000 people enjoyed TASTE FOR DOUGLASVILLE ARTS, and their participation helped the Cultural Arts Council support arts education programs reaching more than 10,000 local students, affordable spring break and summer arts camps in county and city parks, free spring and fall concerts on O'Neal Plaza, critically acclaimed monthly gallery exhibits at the historic Roberts-Mozley House, and many more special events like the annual Georgia Cowboy Poets Gathering, Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Ice Cream Social, and the *Dia de Los Reyes* festival offered throughout the year.



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CALENDAR LISTINGS: FESTIVALS

TITLE: 2009 TASTE FOR DOUGLASVILLE ARTS
Downtown Douglasville's Most Popular Public Event

PLACE: O'Neal Plaza and Church Street in downtown Douglasville

DATE: Saturday, May 16th, 2009

TIME: 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

COST: Free and open to the public

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CALENDAR LISTINGS: CONCERTS

TITLE: 2009 SPRING CONCERT ON THE PLAZA
featuring ZYDECO T's Cajun Dance Music
(with free dance lessons led by Anthony Lewis)

PLACE: O'Neal Plaza and Church Street in downtown Douglasville

DATE: Saturday, May 16th, 2009

TIME: 7 until 9 p.m.

COST: Free and open to the public*

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** Audience is reminded to bring their own chairs.*

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CALENDAR LISTINGS: SPECIAL EVENT

TITLE: 2009 TASTE OF THE GRAPE
Wine Tasting Kickoff for Taste of Douglasville

PLACE: Chamber of Commerce of Douglas County
6658 Church Street

DATES: Friday, May 15th, 2009

TIME: 6 until 8 p.m.

COST: Free to Taste sponsors, vendors & volunteers
\$15 per person for the general public

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