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2011 TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE

New Flavors for Historic Downtown Douglasville's Most Popular Event!

Douglasville, Georgia – In partnership with the City of Douglasville, the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents the 2011 TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE, now in its nineteenth year and better and bigger than ever before, on May 14th from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on O'Neal Plaza -- a family FUN festival no one should miss! 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 Renee Kell and Omar Daniel of Daniel Enterprises are our Event Co-Chairs. WSB 750-AM Radio is our media sponsor again in 2011 with Captain Herb Emory presenting a live feed program from the festival site throughout the event, and the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* publishing the 2011 festival program.

The 2011 community celebration really begins with the Festival Kick Off, "Picnic on the Plaza," Friday, May 13th from 6 until 9 p.m. This preview party features perfect picnic fare – delectable barbecued chicken, loaded baked potatoes with all the toppings, baked beans, cole slaw & strawberry peach short cake with whipped cream -- catered by Atlanta's Finest, great jazz and more music from Raise the Praise, and a cash bar of wine & beer. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for CAC members). Tickets for this exciting event is currently available for purchase on our website, www.artsdouglas.org. In case of rain, both the "Picnic on the Plaza" and Taste of Douglasville will be rescheduled for Friday, May 20th, and Saturday May 21st, respectively.

Delicious samplings from many of our community's best restaurants including established favorites like Gumbeaux, Irish Bred Pub, Fabiano's, The Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Cold Stone Creamery and Moe's Southwestern Grill as well as newcomers to Douglas County like Landmark Café, Lil Mama's Soul Food, and Three Dollar Café will be offered throughout the day on Saturday during Taste. Tickets for Taste samples are one dollar; and most items are priced at two to four tickets. Participating restaurants compete for Best Presentation, Most Sold and Best New Restaurant awards. In the sold-out arts and crafts vendor market this year CAC satellites like the Douglas County Arts Guild, Sweetwater Camera Club, DC Chamber Singers, C.A.S.T. and Douglasville Poets and Writers Group will all offer displays, demonstrations, and interesting interactive activities and information about their organizations' activities. Perennial participant Bodin's Tropicals will be offering exotic plants, Dallas Wheless will be selling gold chain by the inch, and Arts and Crafts for the Cure will display original watercolors and beach-themed crafts to benefit the Colitis and Crohn's Foundation's research. Other artisans will present many different kinds of handmade jewelry, centerpieces, paper art, marionettes, fine art photographs, turned wood bowls, homemade dog treats, hand embroidered children's clothes, candles and soaps, wooden toys, temporary tattoos, and even a local cookbook produced by an area square dance group, literally something for everyone.

The Main Stage on O'Neal Plaza, hosted by Cultural Arts Council Programming Chair Bob Smith, presents performances by students from the Georgia School of Performing Arts, Dance Academy West, the Phoenix Squares, Full Life Gospel Youth Ministry, the American Poet Georgia Sports Reading initiative, Westside Winds Saxophone Ensemble, One Accord from Prays Mill Baptist Church, Raise the Praise and the Inner Harbor African Drum Ensemble. With Douglas County Commissioner Henry Mtichell as Master of Ceremonies on the "Second Stage" on Courthouse Square East, the student performance showcase includes poet Skylar Suggs, a large number of gifted young people from the Douglas County 4-H, the Turner Middle School Dancers, Reptile Wrangler Zack Panse, and teens participating in "Above the Influence."

A new and positive project for teens in 2011, "Above the Influence" is a national media initiative of the WhiteHouse's Office of the National Drug Control Policy, offering interactive teen-focused fun with special "Tag It" activities at 12:30 a.m., 2 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. in the ATI tents at the west end of the alley. Through C.O.R.E., Douglas County is one of three communities in the U.S.A. selected to participate in ATI this year. Another great new festival offering this year is also a national partnership initiative – the U.S. Tennis Association's "quickstart" project focuses on children, 10 and under. During the 2011 Taste of Douglasville, they can learn to play on U.S.T.A.'s special kid-sized court with racquets & balls sized just right for kids so they can enjoy the game right from the start in the north end Courthouse Square East. The Cultural Arts Council is also providing an opportunity for children to help those less fortunate in our community, hungry families served by The Food Pantry – CAC teaching artist Marcella Kuykendall will lead hands-on bowl making workshops throughout the day; the ceramics created will be sold during CAC's annual Empty Bowls luncheons in December. Unfortunately, the 4-H Pony Club scheduled to offer pony rides has had to cancel but the Douglasville School of art will offer "make and take it" crafts at their tent, Prays Mill Baptist Church will offer face painting, balloons and bubbles, the Second Chance Greyhounds will provide information on this great dog rescue of an amazing breed, and children can compete for wonderful prizes in the annual sidewalk chalk contest. All children's activities are offered in the alley way, known as Kids Korner.

"Last year we had perfect weather with almost 10,000 participants, and we are hoping to see a beautiful day for everyone in our community to come together and enjoy themselves again this year," said CAC Executive Director Laura Lieberman. "However, we have set a rain date for the following Saturday just in case. We expect to have more than 10,000 people enjoying TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE this May. We especially want to thank our many sponsors who have been just great! Comcast, Kaiser Permanente, GreyStone, and WSB all have special activities planned for Taste participants." Proceeds from Taste of Douglasville helped the Cultural Arts Council support arts education programs reaching more than 8,000 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, new Turner Cassity Literary Festival planned for July 2011, and the *Dia de Los Reyes* festival in January.

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CALENDAR LISTINGS: FESTIVALS

TITLE: 2010 TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE
Downtown Douglasville's Most Popular Public Event

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

DATE: Saturday, May 15th, 2010

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

COST: Free and open to the public

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CALENDAR LISTINGS: SPECIAL EVENT

TITLE: 2011 TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE KICK OFF
"Picnic on the Plaza"

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

DATE: Friday, May 13th, 2011

TIME: 6 until 9 p.m.

COST: \$15 general public (\$12 CAC members)

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