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12TH ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF ON O'NEAL PLAZA

Douglasville, Georgia – Presented in partnership with the City of Douglasville's Downtown Development Authority and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents the 12th ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF at O'Neal Plaza on Saturday, October 25th, from 6 until 9 p.m. This annual family fun event and fundraiser for the Cultural Arts Council is free and open to the general public.

Three prizes will be awarded by our panel of celebrity judges to our volunteer chili cookers – “Best Presentation” for the most creatively decorated booth, “Best Tasting” to the most delicious recipe, and “Most Sold” to the most popular variety being served. Tickets will be sold in \$1 increments; prices are: \$1 for A Taste of Chili; \$3 for A Bowl of Chili; \$2 for hot dogs; and \$1 for desserts and drinks. The proceeds benefit the exhibition program at the Cultural Arts Center, educational outreach programming including artists in our schools, and the CAC's popular spring and fall concerts series, also presented on O'Neal Plaza in Douglasville's historic downtown. In the spirit of the season, there will also be a Children's Halloween costume contest; and all children wearing costumes will receive gift bags, available on the “Trick or Treat Trolley,” during tours of historic downtown Douglasville offered throughout the event. This year, “60 Yards In,” featuring Villa Rica-based rock and rollers Mark Kreyer (vocals), John Anderson (lead guitar), Steve Lyle (guitar), John Anderson (drums) and Chris Thornton (bass), will perform during the Chili Cook Off with support from the Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Douglasville Mayor Mickey Thompson will kick off the evening with his opening remarks.

The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The Cultural Arts Council and its programs are supported in part by the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and the Georgia Council for the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes a great nation deserves great art. For more information, please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787 or visit our web site --- www.artsdouglas.org.

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