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**FREE CONCERTS ON DOUGLASVILLE'S O'NEAL PLAZA IN SEPTEMBER
Zydeco T, The Flying Oatsmen & Yonrico Scott**

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to present its 2011 Fall Concerts on the Plaza at the O'Neal Plaza in historic downtown Douglasville, showcasing the legendary Cajun band, Zydeco T, on Saturday, September 10th; rock and rollers, The Flying Oatsmen on September 17th; and Grammy-nominated percussionist Yonrico Scott on Saturday, September 24th. All evening performances begin at 7 p.m. These special outdoor events are free and open to the general public. Ample free parking is available near O'Neal Plaza. Listeners are reminded to bring their own chairs.

On the first Saturday of the fall series, September 10th, the Cultural Arts Council features Cajun music by ZYDECO T. The band began twelve years ago when Louisianan Bill Burbank (guitar, vocals) got together with Atlanta Swamp Opera's Larry English (accompaniment guitar, vocals) and began work. Early in 2000 the band really came together with the addition of veteran pro musicians Doug Landsburg (drums) and Joe Fleming (bass). The final kick comes from dance instructor Anthony Lewis (vocals) who drives the band with Creole shouts and percussive rhythm. At the Dance Vortex Festival, Birmingham's City Stages Fest, Atlanta Cajun Dance Association, Huntsville's Zydeco Cajun Connection, Asheville's Summer Concert series, South Florida's Fiesta Tropicale and venues all around Atlanta, the word is out: "This is one of the best Zydeco bands we've EVER heard!" Throughout the evening concert, the Downtown Development Authority will offer Low Country Boil Plates (\$10 for adults, \$5 for children) as a fundraiser supporting the enhancement of historic downtown Douglasville.

The second Saturday, September 17th, The Flying Oatsmen bring their great mix of rock and roll classics, blues music and groove to O'Neal Plaza for the first time – and from the rave reviews this should be a supercharged good time with lots of dancing. Lead guitarist Jerry Sorn was originally from upstate New York but settled in Macon where he played with the Tall Dogs during the 1970s and then later with Michael Clark's Byrds during several Department of Defense tours to 16 countries in the Caribbean, Central America and Africa. Russell Brown, also on guitar, began playing when he was 12. Marty Kelly has been playing harmonica since he found one on a hiking trail more than thirty years ago. Bass player Scott Balun blends his stylings wherever the music takes him with strong influences from everything from the Grateful Dead to gospel. Mark Chester, a graphic artist, plays on the bongos, and Darren Goot completes The Flying Oatsmen's percussion section.

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The third Saturday, September 24th, distinguished percussionist Yonrico Scott offers Douglas County concert-goers a wonderful first opportunity to hear his world-class music in downtown Douglasville. Some people say Scott learned to walk and play drums at the same time. By age 7, he was playing professionally with several gospel groups in Detroit, Michigan. Gospel music, along with Detroit's thriving "Motown sound," were among his earliest influences. Since 1995 Yonrico Scott has toured the world as a member of The Derek Trucks Band including multiple headline tours of Japan and Europe as well as performing with music legends like Buddy Guy, Eric Clapton, John Popper, Clarence Gatemouth Brown, Gregg Allman, Government Mule, Taj Mahal, Little Milton, Mavis Staples, and Santana. In January 2010, Yonrico collected a Grammy for the Best Contemporary Blues CD for his work on the Derek Trucks' Band "Already Free." The live CD, "Road Songs," followed this summer. Scott also collaborates and tours internationally with Earl Klugh's acoustic band and appears on Earl's latest Grammy-nominated CD. Yonrico's own band includes other world-class musicians bringing the best in funk, soul and jazz. They are at work on a follow up to their release "Turning the Corner" now. Throughout his career, Yonrico Scott has recorded and/or performed with a *Who's Who* list of rock and roll, jazz and soul. Most recently, he's collaborated with such notable artists as Stevie Wonder, Whitney Houston, Peabo Bryson, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Sammy Davis Jr., Chuck Berry, George Howard, Freddie Hubbard, Outkast, Joshua Redman, George Benson, Anita Baker, Tinsley Ellis, The Allman Brothers Band, Susan Tedeschi, Kansas, John Scofield, Bruce Hampton, Gary Burton, Gregg Allman, John Denver, Ben E. King, The Supremes, Widespread Panic, Phil Lesh, The Lexington Philharmonic, and The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. His Broadway tour performances include "The Wiz," "5 Guys Named Moe," and "Dreamgirls."

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is supported by its membership, sponsors, 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.

The Cultural Arts Center of Douglasville/Douglas County is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, about 20 miles west Atlanta and just off I-20 (exit 36). Hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All three free fall concerts are held at the O'Neal Plaza in historic downtown Douglasville.

Please contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770/949-2787 or visit our website, www.artsdouglas.org, for further information or directions to the concert venue.

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TITLE: FREE FALL CONCERTS ON THE PLAZA

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Exit #36 from I-20

DATE: Saturday, September 10th Zydeco T
Saturday, September 17th The Flying Oatsmen
Saturday, September 24th The Yonrico Scott Band

TIME: 7 p.m.

COST: Free to the public (please bring your own chairs)

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