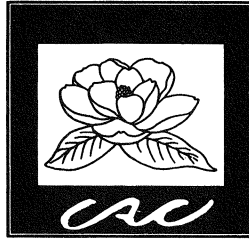


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MEDIA ALERT – 2009 Taste for Douglasville Arts Passport Program Underway

Douglasville - The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is pleased to announce a special promotional program for each of the 19 restaurants which participated in the 2009 Taste for Douglasville. Patrons can pick up their colorful passports at the Cultural Arts Center, 8652 Campbellton Street, or any of the restaurants as well as the Convention and Visitors Bureau's Broad Street Gifts and the Chamber of Commerce downtown. When a patron enjoys a meal at any of the restaurants, the restaurant will mark their passport. After visiting at least half (10) of the participating restaurants and having their passports marked, patrons can exchange their marked passports at the Cultural Arts Center for an original print by Danny Alexander, one of Douglas County's most accomplished artists. The limited edition print, *Sweetwater in August*, has a value of more than \$250, and the original painting for it was commissioned in 2000 when Alexander for the Georgia Artist of the Year and is in the Governor of Georgia's permanent art collection.

"We were all heartbroken when Taste for Douglasville Arts was rained out for the first time in the history of the festival this year, but we think the Restaurant Passport Program will help promote our wonderful local restaurants and one of our community's most popular artists," stated Laura Lieberman, CAC's Executive Director. "We hope everyone will visit our participating restaurants this summer to enjoy their great food and also receive a terrific prize, an original work of art to enjoy forever."

CAC Board President Allen Culpepper added, "We also hope that everyone who was so disappointed at the cancellation of our 2009 Taste for Douglasville will head downtown for the Douglasville Convention and Visitors Bureau's Taste of Summer on July 18th where many of our restaurants will be serving up their great cooking. The City has generously offered to produce this event and a third of all ticket sales will be donated to the Cultural Arts Council in support of its arts activities and cultural programming this year. We are very grateful for their support."

The 2009 Restaurant Passport Program promotion will continue through the summer through August 31, 2009. For more information, contact the Cultural Arts Council, 770.949.2787.

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 residents of and visitors to Douglasville and Douglas County. Our goals are to provide an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broaden the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and foster individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups.

The Cultural Arts Council's ongoing activities and events are generously supported by our sponsors and membership, the City of Douglasville, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations from the General Assembly, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Cultural Arts Council is located at 8652 Campbellton Street in downtown Douglasville, Georgia (exit 36 off I-20 about 20 miles west of Atlanta). Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact the Cultural Arts Council for further information, 770-949-2787 or visit our web site, www.artsdouglas.org.

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