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**MEDIA ALERT – TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – In partnership with the Downtown Development Authority, the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County presents the 2010 TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE, on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., in historic downtown Douglasville. Although we have ordered perfect weather, in event of rain, the festival will be held the following Saturday. Now in its seventeenth year and better and bigger than ever before, this is an event no one should not miss! Arts and crafts vendors and artists groups, area restaurants, and local businesses can contact the Cultural Arts Council (770-949-2787) now to request vendor, restaurant and sponsorship packets and register to participate in Douglasville's most popular annual downtown event. Vendor, sponsor and restaurant packets and registration forms are also available for download on our website, [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org).

Janice Thompson and Linda Worthan, our community's two first ladies, will serve as our Honorary Co-Chairs for the event again this year; and CAC Board Members Sidney Miller & Rochelle Robinson, have agreed to be our Event Chairs. WSB 750-AM Radio will also be our media sponsor again in 2010 with Captain Herb Emory, and the Douglas County Sentinel will publish and distribute more than 5,000 copies of our event catalogue. There will be high quality outdoor arts and crafts booths, lots of children's activities, and two festival stages – a variety of talented local performers on O'Neal Plaza and a student showcase on our second stage on Courthouse Square East. The 2010 TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE 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, and a special new wine-tasting kickoff event featuring North Georgia vineyards at the Chamber of Commerce downtown on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 until 8 p.m. with catering from Sam & Rosco's. Another special addition this year is our Saturday evening, Concert on the Plaza, 7 until 9 p.m., featuring Artie Ball Swing Band, so the community celebration can continue into the evening, immediately following after our main festival event.

Although last year we were rained out for the first time in 16 years, usually more than 8,000 people enjoy TASTE OF DOUGLASVILLE, and their participation helps the Cultural Arts Council support arts education programs reaching more than 13,000 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.