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North Carolina's Finest – Something for Everyone at State's Inaugural Ball
Request for media contact information for credentials to attend events

RALEIGH, NC (December 29, 2008) -- In just 11 days, North Carolina will welcome its new leadership into office during a series of North Carolina inaugural ball events.

What's going on? Here are three things you – and your readers – should know about:

- **Music you will not want to miss:** From Durham resident and jazz great Branford Marsalis to national country artist and Granite Falls native Eric Church; Raleigh's bluegrass favorite Chatham County Line to Chapel Hill's own pop funk band Dillon Fence, the talent appearing at the Inaugural Ball offers something for any musical taste. *Media interviews available. Please contact Nancy Bromhal, 919-271-4115.
- **Food from across the state:** Some of North Carolina's Finest chefs from the mountains to the coast preparing mouth-watering creations. Local chefs include Arthur Gordon of Irregardless Café, Daniel Schurr of Second Empire Restaurant and Tavern, and Paul Kellum of Herons.
- **Junior League of Raleigh Center for Community Leadership:** This year, proceeds from the Inaugural Ball will benefit the League's newest initiative, the Center for Community Leadership, which will offer a variety of training programs, meeting space and networking opportunities to non-profits across our state. A portion of Inaugural Ball proceeds will be used to continue to fund community grants. Past Inaugural Ball proceeds have benefited the Boys and Girls Clubs, North Carolina Smart Start, Communities in Schools of North Carolina and SAFEchild.

WHO: The Junior League of Raleigh hosts the 2009 North Carolina Governor's Inaugural Ball and related events to honor North Carolina's Governor-elect Beverly Perdue and council of state. Tickets for public purchase are available at www.ncgovernorsball.org.

WHAT, WHEN & WHERE:

Council of State Reception
January 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Raleigh Marriott City Center

Rock the Ball
January 8, 2009, 9 p.m. – midnight
Lincoln Theatre

Governor's Reception
January 9, 2009, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Raleigh Convention Center

North Carolina's Finest Gala Presentation
January 9, 2009, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Raleigh Convention Center

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Inaugural Ball
January 9, 2009, 9 p.m. - midnight
Raleigh Convention Center

Media Information

Media contacts should submit the following information by Friday, January 2 to Nancy Bromhal at nbromhal@yahoo.com to be pre-approved by the State Bureau of Investigation to attend the Inaugural events:

Full legal name
Gender
Race
Date of Birth

Media trucks will park on McDowell Street next to the Raleigh Convention Center for events on January 9 and will need to check in at the press desk at the McDowell entrance starting at 5 p.m. (The Raleigh Convention Center will be closed from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.)

We also request media contacts to stop by the press desk at the Council of State Reception and Rock the Ball event when arriving to get press kits.

Background

The Junior League of Raleigh (JLR) is the only Junior League in the country to host an Inaugural Ball and first hosted the event in 1933. The 2009 Inaugural Ball will help the League make its largest impact to date and reach statewide, as part of the 2009 proceeds will support the League's gift to the community, the Center for Community Leadership. In addition to the Center, a portion of the proceeds will continue to support JLR's community grants.

Ticket packages range from sponsorship packages to individual tickets. For more information, visit www.ncgovernorsball.org.

About the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. (JLR)

The Junior League of Raleigh (www.jlraleigh.org) is an organization of more than 1,700 women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The League reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to volunteerism. Since its inception in 1930, the League's contribution to the community has totaled more than 1,000,000 volunteer hours and more than \$4,694,000 to community projects focused on education, health, women and children's services.

Since 2000, the target area for the Junior League of Raleigh has been *Promising Youth*. Through strategic partnerships and collaborations with other community agencies, volunteer placements and annually awarded community grants, the League's contribution to the community since 2000 totals more than 175,000 volunteer hours and \$1,162,000 to promising youth.

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