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THE GARVIN GATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

2010 GARVIN GATE BLUES FESTIVAL – A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE UNSELD

Louisville, Kentucky (September 2, 2010) – The **2010 Garvin Gate Blues Festival** will feature a special tribute to Councilman George Unsel, a long time supporter of the festival who passed away in June. The free festival is planned for Friday, October 8, from 6:30-11 pm, and Saturday, October 9, 3-11 pm, at the Gate on Garvin Place and Oak Street in Old Louisville. The event is presented by the Garvin Gate Neighborhood Association, with sponsorship by Louisville Metro Government District 6 Councilman Deonte Hollowell and the Franklin Law Group.

Additional sponsors include South Fourth Street Association, St. James Court Association, Old Louisville Neighborhood Council, Old Louisville Chamber of Commerce, Dismas House, Don Keeling (Edward J Miller Insurance), Chris Keeling (Bowman Field Wine and Spirits), Sandy Richardson (Spruce Hill Nursery), Bruce Cohen (BC Plumbing), Lee Jones (Oak Street Hardware), Doug Keller, A L Ball Moving and Storage, Michael Mawood (RE/MAX Connections), Don Driskell (Catalyst Realty), “The Gallery at 133”, Bob Bajandas, Tom Isbel, 91.9 WFPK, Kentuckian Blues Society, johnpaul / design, Tom Kent Sound, Budweiser, Amici Café, Check’s Café, Harley’s Main Street Tavern, J&J Old Louisville Music Shop, Jimmy’s Music Center, Lisa’s Oak Street Lounge, Riverbend Winery, The Rudyard Kipling, The Vernon Club, and Zeppelin Café. Proceeds from sponsorships and vendor sales benefit The Garvin Gate Neighborhood Association. A celebration of the blues, The Garvin Gate Blues Festival attracts a multi-racial, intergenerational audience to the cozy Old Louisville neighborhood of Garvin Place.

“A big thanks goes out to Mike Suttles for helping secure our internationally acclaimed music line-up,” said Howard Rosenberg, Chairperson. “This could very well be the finest Garvin Gate Blues Festival ever!”

Friday’s headliner is legendary Mississippi delta bluesman, **James “Super Chikan” Johnson**. The nephew of fellow blues musician Big Jack Johnson, Super Chikan began his recording career in 1997 with *Blues Come Home to Roost*, followed by additional albums *What You See*, *Shoot That Thang*, *Chikan Supe*, *Sum Mo Chikan*, and *Chikadelic* which won the Traditional Blues Album of the Year at the 2010 Blues Music Awards. Super Chikan was also honored as a nominee for the B.B. King Entertainer of the Year and Traditional Blues Artist of the Year.

The Saturday theme is **Blues Dames and Divas Night** with Cheryl Renee and Them Bones from Cincinnati, followed by headliner **Deitra Farr**, former singer for Mississippi Heat from Chicago. The Garvin Gate Blues Festival will be her first USA performance in three years. Her band will feature legendary Chicago Blues guitarist Billy Flynn.

2010 Garvin Gate Blues Festival Schedule

Friday, October 8, 2010

6:30-7:30 pm The Stella-Vees

8:00-9:00 pm Moreland & Arbuckle

9:30-11:00 pm Super Chikan

Saturday, October 9, 2010

3:00-3:45 pm Bryant-Stevens Band

4:15-5:00 pm Robbie Bartlett

5:30-6:15 pm Walnut Street Blues Band

6:45-7:30 pm Susan O’Neil and Blue Seville

8:00-9:00 pm Cheryl Renee with Them Bones

9:15-9:30 pm Special Tribute to George Unsel

9:30-11:00 pm Deitra Farr

The Garvin Gate Blues Festival started out as a 1988 Rudyard Kipling parking lot blues jam in Old Louisville that outgrew the parking lot. At that time the Garvin Place Association was expanding its boundaries to become the Garvin Place Neighborhood Association and offered to host the growing event. Legendary blues musicians that have performed at the festival through the years include Lurrie Bell, Jimmy Burns, H-Bomb Ferguson, Eddy Clearwater, Fenton Robinson, James ‘Thunderbird’ Davis, Roosevelt ‘Booba’ Barnes, Phil Guy, Lefty Dizz, Paul Black & the Flip Kings, Jelly Roll Kings, Professor’s Blues Review (Eddie Lusk), Maurice John Vaughn, Rocky Amaretto, Winston Hardy, James “Yank” Rachel, Lamont Gillispie and the Home Wreckers featuring Sam Myers, Kent Duchaine, Junior Kimbrough, Willie Kent & The Gents with Bonnie Lee, Magic Slim & The Teardrops, Mississippi Heat with Deitra Farr, Deborah Coleman, Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, and Jimmy Dawkins. Visit www.garvingatebluesfestival.com for more information.

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