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Outstanding and Diverse Entertainment Scheduled for Ahwatukee's Biggest Event Festival of Lights Kick-Off Party Set for November 24

Phoenix, AZ, November 15, 2007 – The 12th Annual Festival of Lights Kickoff Party has become the biggest event in Ahwatukee, drawing nearly 20,000 to Desert Foothills Park to celebrate the start of the Holiday Season and the annual white light holiday display. In addition to a 100-vendor craft fair, nearly 50 carnival attractions, and a dozen different restaurants, the event always has a live entertainment stage packed with community acts throughout the day. This year, FOL has lined up some new exciting entertainment for the community.

Live Bands: Karnage and Shine

Heavy Metal Band of DVHS Students Participating in Alice Cooper's Christmas Compilation CD

Karnage, a heavy metal band of Desert Vista High School students, will play from 5:00pm-5:30pm on the main stage. Karnage was selected to contribute a song to the recently released, "A Taste of Christmas Pudding", a compilation CD benefiting Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Charity. The closing band, Shine, will play cover tunes from the 80s to the 00s, from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Shine is made up of 6 friends from Ahwatukee and Chandler who take leave of their day jobs as a lawyer, a techie, a teacher, a counselor, a flight attendant, and a fleet manager to become rock stars at night. Photos of these two bands for use can be downloaded from:

www.folaz.org/logos/shine.jpg

www.folaz.org/logos/shine-web.jpg

www.folaz.org/logos/karnage.jpg

School Groups

FOL is proud to have local school groups performing as well. The Mallet Masters from Kyrene de las Brisas in Chandler is an engaging group of about twelve 5th-grade xylophonists, who will be performing from 1:00pm-1:30pm in Restaurant Row. The Desert Vista High School Step Core, Salsa Club and Dance Team will also be performing on the main stage from 1:30pm-2:30pm.

Dance Groups

The NHL Coyotes Pack Dancers will be on stage as well as performances from local studios Bodies in Motion Dance Company and Kimberly Lewis School of Dance. The Ahwatukee Nutcracker Ballet will also be giving the crowd a taste of what they will see at their December 14th and 15th full-length performances.



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Complete Schedule

The complete entertainment schedule is as follows:

10:30am-11:30am	Bodies in Motion Dance Company
11:30am-12:30pm	Ahwatukee Children's Choir
12:00pm-12:30pm	Silhouette String Quartet (in Restaurant Row)
12:30pm-1:30pm	NHL Coyotes Pack Dancers
1:00pm-1:30pm	Kyrene de las Brisas Mallet Masters (in Restaurant Row)
1:30pm-2:30pm	DVHS Step Core, DVHS Salsa Club, DVHS Dance Team
2:00pm-2:30pm	AZ All-Stars Cheer & Tumbling Exhibition (in Restaurant Row)
2:30pm-3:30pm	Ahwatukee Nutcracker Ballet
3:30pm-5:00pm	Kimberly Lewis School of Dance
5:00pm-5:30pm	Karnage
5:30pm-7:30pm	Shine

Performances are subject to change. Visit www.folaz.org for updates and links to performer sites.

Free Parking and Free Shuttles

Parking at the park and in surrounding neighborhoods is limited. Free parking is available at 2 different lots and free shuttles provided. The lots are:

Altadena Middle School/Cerritos Elementary on Desert Foothills Parkway just north of Chandler Blvd.

YMCA at Ahwatukee Foothills at Liberty Drive and Desert Foothills Parkway

All Aboard America shuttle buses will run constantly between both locations and a drop off point near the park.

Visit www.FOLAZ.org for a shuttle map.

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