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Taste of Hudson Announces Line-up for 7th Annual Labor Day Weekend Festival

August 10, 2011 – Hudson, Ohio –Taste of Hudson is pleased to announce this year's line-up of great restaurants, entertainers and attractions for the annual two-day festival that will transform downtown Hudson this Labor Day weekend, Sunday and Monday, September 4-5, 2011.

Anticipating the biggest Taste of Hudson to date, organizers have put together its most exciting and diverse festival since its inaugural debut in 2005. Restaurants representing Hudson and surrounding areas will include many styles of dining, from elegant to casual. While admission to Taste of Hudson is free, attendees may purchase delicious "tastes" utilizing dining cards – sold at the event, or through advance purchase at Acme Fresh Market in Hudson, Stow and Cuyahoga Falls or via the Taste of Hudson website at www.tasteofhudson.com. Dining cards can be pre-loaded in any amount, and submitted for debiting at any of the restaurant tents. Tastes generally range from \$2 to \$5 each. Festival hours are: Sunday, September 4 from Noon-8 p.m.; and Monday, September 5 from 11 a.m. -6 p.m.

This year's attractions include:

- 21 Hudson area restaurants and caterers selling special menu selections in both sample-sized and full portions on the **Windstream Communications Culinary Green**
- Over 80 sponsor, exhibitor and artist tents
- Fine wine and craft beer tasting and entertainment in the **North End Wine & Beer Garden**, presented and produced by North End and co-promoted by Laurel Lake Retirement Community. Appetizers available for purchase in the Wine & Beer Garden are prepared by Chef Andrew Jackson of **Laurel Lake**. Special Wine & Beer seminars are also scheduled each day courtesy of **Merrill Lynch**, Hudson
- **Diamond Auto Lease & Sales Luxury Auto Show** featuring a selection of the latest vehicles from Mercedes, BMW, Land Rover, Porsche, Audi, Cadillac and Lexus. Look for it on the way to the Wine & Beer Garden on Village Way next to the Library
- **FAST FRAME** Youth Art Exhibition with creations by Hudson school children
- **Eight entertainment stages** with over 100 performances featuring many longtime Taste of Hudson favorites along with some great first-time to The Taste performers. Entertainment schedule

highlights on Sunday night in the North End Wine & Beer Garden are performances by WKYC's Monica Robins and The Whiskey Kings followed by the Midlife Chryslers featuring Michael Stanley and Mark Lee Shannon

- On-site performance artists throughout the festival
- **Little Tikes Land** - Children's activity and play area with dozens of Little Tikes play structures and activities will be located next to Jo-Ann Kids Craft Zone on the Akron Children's Hospital and Akron General Activities Green.
- **Jo-Ann Kids' Craft Zone**, presented by Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, where children can create make and take crafts
- **PNC Bank** Community Dining Tents- located near the Culinary Green and hosted by PNC- Hudson
- **USB Financial Services/Destination Hudson** Information Tents for on-site festival information
- **ACME Avenue**, located on First Street will feature fun activities for the kids and sampling for all. Other First Street activities including Asian Sun martial arts demonstrations, the Henning Software Stage, Nicky Nicole's Tent, First & Main Hospitality Tent and two restaurant tents from Tomato Grill and Wine Bar at Solaire.
- **NEW! Hudson Farmer's Market at Taste of Hudson** can be found on the Clocktower Green both days of Taste of Hudson! Find the freshest produce anywhere and enjoy a "taste" of what happens at the Hudson Farmer's Market, held Saturday's during the season.

Attendees will enjoy fabulous food from a large number of the restaurants which have established the Hudson area as one of northeast Ohio's culinary hot beds. Taste of Hudson Executive Director remarks that "This is the finest restaurant line-up we have had to date and features a great variety of fine fare. The hard work that our participating restaurants, chefs and their teams put in to create the flavor of Taste of Hudson is unbelievable".

This year's restaurant roster includes:

- Aladdin's Eatery (Hudson)
- Donato's Pizza (Hudson)
- Downtown 140 (Hudson)
- Flipside (Hudson)
- Hershey's Ice Cream (Hudson)
- Hudson's Catering (Hudson)
- Hudson's Restaurant (Hudson/Montrose)
- Marcelita's Mexican Restaurant (Hudson)
- Maui Wowi Hawaiian Coffees & Smoothies (Hudson)
- Nosh Eatery (Hudson)
- Old Whedon Grill (Hudson)
- One Red Door (Hudson)
- Otani Japanese Restaurant (Hudson)
- Piatto Novo (Cuyahoga Falls)
- pizzaBOGO (Hudson)
- Rosewood Grill (Hudson)
- The Wine Bar at Solaire (Hudson)
- Tomato Grill (Hudson)
- Triple Crown Restaurant (Munroe Falls)
- Zeppé's Italian Bistro (Hudson)
- Adams Reserve New York Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- Taste of Laurel Lake, located in the North End Wine & Beer Garden

Taste of Hudson Executive Director Andy Malitz adds, "Taste of Hudson is unlike any other culinary festival around. In addition to this great line-up of top restaurants, attendees will enjoy our fabulous North End Wine & Beer Garden, a luxury automobile display, over 3 dozen exhibitors, a large ACME Fresh Market sampling area, unbelievable children's activities and family fun presented by Little Tikes and Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores (both headquartered in Hudson) and over 100 performers and bands appearing throughout the festival from eight stages. Plus, the Art Fair at The Taste features 20 of the region's finest and most creative artists. Best of all, admission is free!"

Taste of Hudson is co-presented by Akron Children's Hospital, Akron General and Time Warner Cable and co-promoted by Acme Fresh Market, Windstream Communications and Laurel Lake Retirement Community in association with Little Tikes, Jo-Ann Fabric & Craft Stores North End and Pepsi . Over 35,000 people annually attend Taste of Hudson making it one of the region's largest two-day festivals.

Taste of Hudson is produced by volunteers within the community in order to promote Hudson area restaurants, businesses, artists and entertainers, and to provide funding for several charities, including the Safe Kids Coalition of Summit County. Visit www.tasteofhudson.com for all festival activities and schedules. Taste of Hudson is a project of the 2003-04 Leadership Hudson class which is a program of the Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower. Taste of Hudson, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation and is a donor advised fund of the Hudson Community Foundation.

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