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***Zoo's Animal Affair* Fundraiser Announces Participating Restaurants**

Nashville Zoo's premier event, *Animal Affair*, will take place this Saturday, October 6, at 7 p.m. The not-so-black tie evening will feature cuisine from a variety of Nashville's finest restaurants and caterers.

Culinary participants in this year's "Go Wild" festivities include: Aurora Bakery and Café, Cabana/Sunset Grill/Midtown Café, Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Commerce Street Grill, Corrieri's Formaggeria, F. Scott's Restaurant and Jazz Bar, FLYTE World Dining and Wine, Green Hills Grille, Jackson's Bar & Bistro, Kazu, Kickin' Coffee & Tea, McFadden's Restaurant & Saloon, The Mystic Coffee Shop & Oxygen Bar, Nero's Grill, Noshville Delicatessen, Paradise Park Trailer Resort, Past Perfect, Rainforest Café, Rumba, RuSan's, South Street, Taste of the Wild at Nashville Zoo, Tayst, The Melting Pot, The Standard, The Yellow Porch/Wild Iris, and Watermark Restaurant.

In addition to great food, *Animal Affair* offers Music City's most unique silent auction. A chance to name two of the Zoo's brand new inhabitants, Eurasian lynx, will be up for grabs during the auction as well as other "zoo experience" packages.

Tickets to *Animal Affair* are \$150 per person for the main event and \$250 per person at the patron level. The pre-event Patron Party will be held from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Giraffe Barn.

For more information or to purchase tickets to this popular event, please visit the event website at www.animalaffairnashville.com, the Zoo's web site at www.nashvillezoo.org or call (615) 833 - 1534 x 129.

Animal Affair is presented by Bell & Associates Construction, Clayton Associates, Diversified Trust Company, Dollar General, Frank Neal & Co., Frugal MacDoogal, Smith Cashion & Orr, Lipman Brothers, *nFocus* Magazine, Sullivan Electric and the Bank of Nashville. All proceeds from *Animal Affair* benefit the Nashville Zoo by helping to fund education programs, animal care, park maintenance and much more.

Nashville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums, assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is a non-profit organization located at 3777 Nolensville Road and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The mission of the Nashville Zoo is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. For more information about Nashville Zoo, please call 833-1534, or visit our website at www.nashvillezoo.org.

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