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Nashville Zoo Announces Animal Affair's Swingin' Restaurants

Gibbons will swing and dancers will sway at Nashville Zoo's Animal Affair 2008: "Swingin'" on Saturday, Oct. 4. For this Music City soirée, guests ditch top hats for safari hats and enjoy a swingin' evening at the Zoo, complete with samplings from a variety of Nashville's finest restaurants, caterers and beverage purveyors.

Culinary participants in this year's swingin' festivities include: Amber Falls Winery and Cellars, Aquarium Restaurant, Blackstone Brewery, Bread & Company Bakery & Café, Cabot Creamery, Chappy's on Church, Commerce Street Grill, Corrieri's Formaggeria, Jackson's Bar & Bistro, Joni's Kitchen, Kickin' Coffee & Tea, Loveless Café, Macke's, Maggiano's Little Italy, Margaritaville Tequila, McFadden's Restaurant & Saloon, miro district Food and Drink, Mirror, Monell's Dining and Catering, Naked Lion Brewing Company, Nick of Thyme Catering, Noshville Delicatessen, Rainforest Café, Rumba, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, Taste of the Wild at Nashville Zoo, The Melting Pot, The Palm, Van Gogh Vodka, Watermark Restaurant and Yazoo Brewing Company.

In addition to fine cuisine, Animal Affair offers patron-level supporters the opportunity to mingle with some of Jack Hanna's animal friends at an African Elephant Savannah pre-party. The patron party will begin at 6 p.m. with the main event following at 7 p.m. The Zoo will close at 4 p.m. on Oct. 4 to prepare for Animal Affair.

All proceeds from Animal Affair benefit Nashville Zoo and help fund education programs, animal care, park maintenance and more. Animal Affair is open to adults 21 years or older. To purchase tickets, visit www.nashville.org or call 615-833-1534 ext 129.

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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, call 615-833-1534, or visit www.nashvillezoo.org.

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