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## **A Taste of the Wild at Nashville Zoo's Animal Affair**

Nashville Zoo invites guests to Animal Affair 2009: "A Taste of the Wild" on Saturday, Oct. 3. At this not-so-black-tie event, guests opt for zebra stripes and leopard prints over pinstripes and penguin suits as they enjoy the beauty of the Zoo at twilight.

Animal Affair is Nashville Zoo's largest fundraiser, and this year's event features festive cocktails, exotic flavors and a behind-the-scenes look at the love lives of our animal friends.

Our showcase feature of Animal Affair 2009 is the Zoo's new Jungle Terrace Pavilion, a unique outdoor event space adjacent to the Jungle Gym and the Patton Family Wild Animal Carousel. Guests will be treated to a multi-course seated dinner, presented by Nashville Zoo's catering service Taste of the Wild and entertainment courtesy of Miami Metrozoo's Ron Magill. Magill has been in the zoological field for over 30 years and does regular segments on CNN, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America* and *Sabado Gigante*. His presentation, "Monkeys are from Mars, Cougars are from Venus," is a frank yet lighthearted discussion about sexual behavior throughout the animal kingdom.

Animal Affair tickets are \$175 per person. All proceeds 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](http://www.nashville.org) or call 615-833-1534 ext 129.

Animal Affair 2009 is presented by Diversified Trust and Sunrise Contracting and supported by The Aquarium, Classic Party Rentals, Corrieri's Formaggeria, Jackson's Bar and Bistro, Kickin' Coffee and Tea, Lonely Cow Winery, Lipman Brothers, Macke's, Miro District, Nashville Event Lighting, Nashville Delicatessen, Rainforest Café, Renaissance Hotel, Rumba, Yazoo Brewing Company and Watermark Restaurant.

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](http://www.nashvillezoo.org).

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