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McKinney Main Street presents 'The Chair... A Community Affair'

Grammy award-winning artist Crystal Gayle will come to Historic Downtown McKinney.

McKINNEY, Texas (August 21, 2006) – Crystal Gayle is set to perform at the McKinney Performing Arts Center on October 19, 2006. Proceeds from this fundraising initiative will support historic downtown McKinney and local charities.

"The evening will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will include an abundance of food, fun and entertainment," said Main Street Director Ty Lake.

Lake added that the event will include a silent auction of unique Adirondack chairs that have been painted by area artists. "The chairs will be transformed into "works of art" by combining a unique twist of classic creativity and local heritage. We'll unveil their creations that evening during a silent auction."

Tickets can be purchased for \$100 each (which includes food and a full evening of entertainment) by calling McKinney Main Street at 972.547.2661 or e-mail Michelle Holland at mholland@mckinneytexas.org.

"We couldn't have done this without the support from our sponsors who have generously donated their time and money to make this event possible," Lake added.

David Craig, Chairman and CEO of Craig International stated, "We are more than pleased to be one of two title sponsors for this exciting event. It makes perfect sense for Craig Ranch and Wellstone Communities to partner with McKinney Main Street on this project. Historic Downtown McKinney is where our legacy began and it is nice to see how preserving part of our past is still a priority in today's business world."

Sponsors for this intimate evening include: Title Sponsors Craig Ranch and Wellstone Communities; Presenting Sponsors: McKinney Community Development Corporation, Alliance Data, Wal-Mart and **Chapel Hill**; Chair Sponsors: **Chapel Hill**, Chestnut Square Historic Village, Dr. Brad and Patricia Wysong, Encore Wire, Friends of Holy Family School, Home Depot, Home on the Range, Independent Bank, The Body Shop, Brown & Hoffmeister, McKinney Downtown Property Owners, McKinney Education Foundation, Collin County Regional Airport, Robert and Julie Vargo, Scott and kk Taylor, Senior Select Home Health Care, The Ballfields at Craig Ranch, The City of McKinney and 97.5 KLAK.

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McKinney enjoys one of the oldest authentic and thriving historic downtowns in Texas. What was once the center of all commercial and social activity for Collin County, our 158-year-old city continues to serve as a viable retail, dining, entertainment and business center. Downtown offers more than 100 unique shops and more than a dozen unique restaurants, including upscale restaurants featuring award-winning chefs, sandwich shops, outdoor patio dining and neighborhood pubs. Downtown McKinney also offers an assortment of specialty shops, art galleries featuring the works of local artists, furniture stores, exquisite antique collections, gift shops and apparel boutiques. For more information visit www.downtownmckinney.com.