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One-of-a-kind Works of Art Find a Seat in Historic Downtown McKinney

McKinney Main Street counts down to an evening of art, food and entertainment

McKINNEY, Texas (Sept. 25, 2006) – McKinney Main Street will present 'The Chair... A Community Affair' on Oct. 19, 2006. The evening will not only feature an intimate performance from Grammy award-winning artist Crystal Gayle, but is a true community event including gourmet food from six of McKinney's downtown restaurants and a series of 20 Adirondack chairs painted by local artists.

"The art on each chair represents a piece of our wonderful community," said Ty Lake, Main Street Program Director. "Each chair is unique and the range of themes is truly diverse, just like our community. I cannot begin to thank each artist for expressing their talents and donating their time to paint these chairs."

The chairs will be available for silent auction during the event. Crystal Gayle is set to sign her chair at the end of the evening before it is sold during a live, on-stage auction.

Proceeds from this fundraising initiative will support McKinney Main Street, a non-profit organization charged with keeping McKinney's historic 150 year-old downtown area thriving. Portions of the proceeds will also benefit local charities including Boys and Girls Club and Holy Family School.

"The purchase of a chair is for a worthy cause and a tax-deductible contribution – not to mention an opportunity to own an elaborate piece of art, from one of several talented artists, that is sure to make its "seat" in McKinney," Lake added.

The event will be held at the McKinney Performing Arts Center at the Historic Collin County Courthouse. With only 420 seats in the venue, the evening will prove to be an intimate and one-of-a-kind occasion.

"One of the things that makes McKinney truly unique is that, while embracing our incredible growth, we honor and preserve our history," said CoCo Good, Communications and Marketing Director for the City of McKinney. "McKinney Main Street is one of the organizations dedicated to that."

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-mailing Michelle Holland at mholland@mckinneytexas.org.

Sponsors for this intimate evening include: Title Sponsors: Craig Ranch and Wellstone Communities; Presenting Sponsors: Capital One, 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 & Hofmeister, McKinney Downtown Property Owners, McKinney Education Foundation, Collin County Regional Airport, Robert O'Donnell 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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About Downtown

McKinney enjoys one 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.