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“Evening of the Arts” at the State Fair THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ALBUQUERQUE, NM –On Thursday evening, September 8, 2011 at 5 p.m., the eve of the opening of the 73rd annual New Mexico State Fair, the public is cordially invited to a free special Arts preview event called “Evening of the Arts.”

At the Box Car Stage (just inside the Main Gate) at 5 p.m., there will be an awards ceremony honoring New Mexico resident artists. Then from 6 to 8 p.m., the doors of the four main galleries on the fairgrounds—Fine Arts, Hispanic Arts, Native American Indian Arts and African American Arts—will open for public viewing of the artwork on display and for sale in each one. This year, the African American Performing Arts Center and Creative Arts Building (Non-Professional and Youth Art will be displayed in the latter) will also be open for previewers to enjoy as well. Light hors d’oeuvres will be served.

“State Fair Arts continue to grow in popularity among collectors,” said Ramona Vigil-Eastwood, State Fair Arts Director. “Folks should plan on showing up early. The New Mexico State Fair is where it’s at – showcasing new artists as well as returning artists – all New Mexico residents. We’re inviting everyone to stroll from gallery to gallery enjoying this year’s current works of art and buy those pieces that speak to them.”

For more information about “Evening of the Arts,” please contact Ms. Vigil-Eastwood at Expo New Mexico at 505 222-9738.

The State Fair starts Friday, September 9th and runs through Sunday, September 25th (closed Mondays and Tuesdays). For more information, please visit the fair’s website at www.exponm.com or call (505) 222-9700.

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