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OCTOBER AN EVENT-FILLED MONTH AT THE DC ARMORY

DC Armory Hosts Sporting, Music and Entertainment Events this month

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Washington Convention and Sports Authority (WCSA) announced a variety of events to be held at the DC Armory this October. From expos and roller derby, to song and step, October at the DC Armory has something for everyone.

“Our mission is to provide a wide range of diverse and affordable entertainment options and the activity in the DC Armory this month exemplifies this effort,” said Erik Moses, Managing Director of the WCSA Sports, Entertainment and Special Events Division.

Following is a summary of DC Armory events this month. The DC Armory is easily accessible by the Metro on the Blue and Orange lines (Stadium-Armory station) and numerous bus lines. Event parking is also available.

Army Ten-Miler Race Expo – October 2 & 3

The Army Ten-Miler Race Expo offers runners and the general public the opportunity to visit health service clinics and more than 75 vendor booths to test out the latest running apparel and fitness products. The Expo is expected to draw more than 30,000 attendees as all runners registered for the Army Ten-Miler are required to attend the Expo to pickup runner packets. ***The Expo is FREE and open to the public*** Friday, October 2 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

2nd Annual Radio One Spirit of Praise – Saturday, October 10

The 2nd Annual Radio One Spirit of Praise gospel concert returns to the DC Armory with a performance lineup guaranteed to “*praise the roof!*” Featured performers include Grammy, Dove and Stellar Award winner and nominee Fred Hammond; Stellar Award winner Maurette Brown Clark; Grammy Award nominee Vanessa Bell Armstrong; gospel powerhouse Rizen; and singer/songwriter Alvin Darling. Spirit of Praise is sponsored by PRAISE 104.1 fm and WYCB Spirit 1340 AM.

General admission tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. Advance tickets are \$20. Tickets will also be available on event day for \$25 at the DC Armory Box Office. Doors open at 4 p.m. Performance begins at 4:45 p.m.

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La Feria de la Familia – Sunday, October 18

La Feria de la Familia is an exciting, interactive family and community event, organized by Telemundo Washington, DC as the premier Hispanic Family Expo in the D.C. area. La Feria de la Familia is designed to showcase the diverse range of products and services available to the Hispanic community through retail, automotive, health and nutrition, career, finance, lifestyle and entertainment vendors – among others, and is expected to draw nearly 30,000 attendees. Frankie Negron headlines the musical portion and high-profile network talent from news, soap operas and other television shows will visit throughout the day. *La Feria de la Familia is FREE, open to the public* from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday, October 18.

Howard University Homecoming Step Show – Saturday, October 24

The 2009 Howard University Homecoming celebration culminates at the DC Armory as African-American Greek letter organizations from Howard University and all around the country converge to compete in the highly anticipated 2009 Greek Step Show. Step show participants include nine Black Greek Letter Organizations known as the “Divine 9.” This year’s theme, *Rythmos: Stepping Through Time*, will be reflected through costumes and set design as each organization represents a different decade ranging from the 1900’s through 2000.

General admission tickets are \$30 and are available at www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets will also be available on event day at the DC Armory Box Office. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Performance begins at 7 p.m.

Halloween Latin Party 2009 - Friday October 30

Two nationally renowned Latin singers and one of the hottest Latin DJs around come together Friday, October 30 for a *howl’n* Halloween jam. Latin Grammy Award winning singer and actress Alejandra Guzman and singer/actor Pablo Montero will leave audiences spellbound while Panamanian Latin Grammy Award winning reggaeton artist DJ Flex brings down the house for this one night only.

Tickets are \$80 for the floor (standing room only), \$65 for reserved seats and \$40 for balcony seats (general admission). Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets will also be available on event day at the DC Armory Box Office. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

DC Rollergirls – Saturday, October 31

The DC Rollergirls return for the second bout of the 2009-10 season with a fierce match-up between the Cherry Blossom Bombshells and Scare Force One, the 2008-09 league champions. The DC DemonCats faceoff in the expo bout against the Dutchland Rollers from Lancaster, PA. The DemonCats defeated Scare Force One in the first bout of the season on September 27, 108-93.

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(DC Rollergirls continued...)

General admission tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up, \$6 for children 6-11 and free for kids 5 and under. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets will also be available on event day at the DC Armory Box Office. Individuals with a valid military ID can purchase tickets for \$10 at the door. Doors open at 3 p.m. Bouts begin at 4 p.m.

About the Washington Convention and Sports Authority

The Washington Convention and Sports Authority owns and manages the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, which has proven to anchor the hospitality and tourism economy of the District of Columbia, generating over \$400 million annually in total economic impact for the District. The Authority also owns and manages the Stadium-Armory campus which includes Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, the DC Armory and the surrounding Festival Grounds, as well as serving as the owner and landlord for Nationals Park. The Authority creates economic and community benefits for the District through its promotion of hospitality, athletic, entertainment and cultural events.

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