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New Mexico Music Commission Announces New Mexico Talent Showcase

Albuquerque - The New Mexico Music Commission, The New Mexico State Fair and The City of Albuquerque are teaming up to present a talent showcase. 24 Musicians or Groups will be selected to perform.

The New Mexico Music Commission, The New Mexico State Fair and The City of Albuquerque will sponsor a talent showcase for New Mexico artists. Musicians will not only have the opportunity to perform, but judges will award numerous prizes, including studio time, bookings and a professional promotional package. The musical categories include country, Americana, folk; jazz, blues, R&B, gospel; Hispanic, Native American and other traditional forms of music; rock and alternative rock.

"This is exactly the type of event envisioned by Governor Richardson when he created the Music Commission. New Mexico artists will be given a rare opportunity to showcase their talents," Nancy Laflin, Executive Director of The New Mexico Music Commission said.

24 bands or artists will be selected to perform in the showcase which will take place September 17, 2005 at Expo New Mexico's Ford Pavilion.

"We're honored to be able to shine the spotlight on talented New Mexico at the State Fair where the people of New Mexico gather," State Fair General Manager Fred Peralta said.

"There is such diverse musical talent in Albuquerque and in this state. We look forward to highlighting artists at this wonderful event," said Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez.

State Fair employee Jenny Gamble, one of the coordinators of the event said, "It's about the music and about the people who are working and getting recognized for that hard work."

New Mexico bands are encouraged to audition. To be considered, mail your non-returnable entries (CD, DVD, cassette, VHS tape) to P.O. Box 8546 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198. Attention Ford Pavilion/Talent Showcase.

Representatives of the Music Commission, State Fair and City of Albuquerque will judge entries. The deadline to enter is August 30, 2005. For more information, log on to the Music Commission web-site: www.newmexicomusic.org.

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