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Festival of Trees 2009, Home for the Holidays
Friday, November 13, 2009 - Sunday, November 22, 2009
Presented by PNC Bank

ORLANDO, Fla. (09 09 09) - Festival of Trees is the premier holiday event in Central Florida and is orchestrated by the Council of 101 to benefit the Orlando Museum of Art. An annual event since 1986, it provides the community with a truly inspiring holiday experience. This year's stunning transformation of the museum centers on the theme "Home for the Holidays." Festival of Trees will explore new ways to bring this event to Central Floridians using a philosophy of sustainability. The focus will be on reducing, reusing, recycling and rejoicing!

The Festival of Trees will showcase magical displays of designer decorated trees, wreaths and holiday vignettes. Our Gingerbread Village, Toyland Town and collection of Christmas Villages are great for the young and the young at heart. Get your own home ready for the holidays with decor from the Holiday Boutique and "cutting edge" designs in the Holiday Garden.

It all begins with the Opening Night Party, held on Friday, November 13, 2009 from 7 - 11pm. The tickets are priced lower than usual, the suggested attire more casual, and everyone is invited to this fun event. Chairperson Jackie VanderPol shared, "We are challenging the area chefs to come up with Home for the Holidays feel-good food." Come and enjoy entertainment by The Florida Opera Theater, The Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, The Orlando Shakespeare Theater, The Orlando Philharmonic, The Marimba Trio and Voci Dance as well as great food and the first glimpse of Festival of Trees 2009. The admission is \$100 per person.

Daily general admission for \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. On-site parking is available for \$5. Daily hours are 10am to 5pm with new extended hours from 10am to 8pm on Thursday, November 19 and Saturday, November 21. All proceeds from the Festival of Trees benefits the Orlando Museum of Art, located at 2416 North Mills Avenue, Orlando Loch Haven Park, Orlando, Florida 32801.

Sponsorships are welcome, and the facility is available for rental in the evening hours for private receptions. For further details and information, please call 407 896 4231 x254 or email councilof101@aol.com.

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Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday – Sunday noon – 4 pm, closed major holidays

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