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**28th ANNUAL ADAMS MORGAN FESTIVAL
CELEBRATES DIVERSITY WITH DANCE PLAZA, MUSIC, ARTS, CRAFTS, & FOOD**

Washington, DC – As part of its 28th year, the Adams Morgan Day Festival features such favorites as the two live music stages and 'Arts on Belmont', as well as the international Dance Plaza and expanded Kid's Fair at Marie Reed school.

First held in 1978, this regional festival celebrates international cultures and creativity, arising from the "melting pot" quality of the unique Adams Morgan neighborhood. The Festival location is 18th Street N.W. between Florida Ave. and Columbia Rd. from Noon- 7:00 p.m., Sept. 10. Known for its range of music and dance performances, youth activities, and vendors galore, this regional festival always pleases metro visitors and tourists alike. "Arts on Belmont" opens first at 10:00 am.

Adams Morgan Day Festival 2006 is organized by the AdamsMorgan MainStreet Group, an umbrella non-profit working to retain and promote the unique, vibrant character of the Adams Morgan business area. Major Sponsors are the PNC Bank, Adams Morgan BID, and BB&T Bank.

The interactive Dance Plaza, sponsored by BB&T, features an exciting lineup of dance groups that perform and teach basic dance moves, so the audience can join in. Performers include Panamanian folkloric dancers, the Malcolm X Drummers & Dancers, performers of salsa, ballet, rueda, mambo, West African, and a belly dance exhibition.

The Kid's Fair, sponsored by Citibank is both fun and educational. Full of games and educational activities, it boasts rock climbing, putt-putt, Wash FM's toddler moon bounce, face painting, and bilingual science exhibits. Some Kid's Fair performers include Chinese Lion Dancers, Broccoli the Clown, and 3-time Emmy winner, Kinderman.

New this year is the unique, one-day Festival postmark cancellation by the U.S. Postal Service. It will feature the U.S. Postal stamp cancellation combined with the bold, beautiful artwork chosen for the 2006 Festival T-shirt, "Dancers" by local artist Jennifer Golden. Collectors may purchase both the commemorative t-shirt and the U.S. Postal stamp cancellation during the Festival.

The perennial favorites Florida and Columbia large live music stages bookend 18th Street. The Florida stage, produced by Jerry Phillips of Washington Post Radio, has a Latin/Caribbean jazz, and salsa flavor. The Columbia Stage, produced by Madam's Organ, features Up tempo jazz with rock undercurrents, bluegrass/blues, and Spanish & American Rock n' Roll. The Cultural Stage, sponsored by Bank of America and located on Euclid St at Columbia Rd, hosts diverse, international music, drummers, and actors, including Potato Famine and the El Barrio Street Theatre.

The ever popular, "Arts on Belmont," showcases original work of artists and artisans. Artists bring glassware and metalwork, paintings, ceramics, jewelry, sculptures, photography and more. Vendor booths line the center of 18th Street, offering international specialty items, arts and crafts, jewelry, clothes, and gifts. Visitors enjoy foods from around the world, including Greek, Jamaican, Latin American, African, local seafood favorites, and desserts.

Other sponsors include DC Lottery, Safeway, Adams Investment Group, Harris Teeter, and Hilton Washington.

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