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For immediate release:

Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival's Robert Burns Dinner and Celebration

Dandridge Main Street's Scots-Irish Festival proudly presents a Robert Burns Dinner on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at Angelos At the Point restaurant in Dandridge, TN. This event will help raise funds for the Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival in 2011, so that this tribute to the area's Scots-Irish heritage may continue to be offered as a free event. Tickets are a \$50 contribution and are available online or by contacting Dandridge's Main Street office.

Who is Robert Burns? He is renowned as the National Poet of Scotland and is famous for his poems and songs. His birthday is observed world-wide by lovers of literature and Scottish culture in the form of Burns Dinners, where all aspects of Scottish culture are celebrated. Burns' poetry is immediately recognizable: "O my Love's like a red, red rose, that's newly sprung in June: O my Love's like the melody that's sweetly played in tune", and his songs include standards such as: "Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne!"

Social "Gathering" begins at 6:00 P.M. with fellowship and a silent auction. Piper Tracy Wilson will start the evening's events with a stirring bagpipe flourish announcing the arrival of the haggis – a traditional Scottish dish. Reverend Mark Knisley, in his best brogue, will then deliver Burns' "To A Haggis", after which, the haggis may be bravely sampled.

During dinner, Kelly Shipe will provide beautiful Celtic harp music for all to enjoy. After dinner, the festivities will include Scottish songs by guitarist Mark Douglas Murray and Scottish Highland dancing by Champion Dancer Claire Macmillan. Traditional toasts to the Laddies and Lassies will be another entertaining highlight. The Burns celebration always concludes with all singing "Auld Lang Syne". For those who wish to continue their Burns celebration experience, the evening will also include Clay Patterson hosting a "Tour of Scotland" with a tasting of fine Scotch whisky from various distilling regions.

If you are a lover of Scottish culture or literature, Dandridge Main Street's Robert Burns Dinner is made just for you. If you have never attended a Burns celebration, you owe it to yourself to experience the kilts, the bagpipes, the songs, the dancing, the stories, the haggis, and everything else that goes into making this an evening to remember.

Angelos At the Point is located at 122 Marina Drive – just across the bridge from historic downtown Dandridge. The Dandridge Community Trust, sponsor of the Dandridge Main Street Program and the Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival, is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization and a portion of donations for this event are tax deductible. Do not delay your RSVP, as seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased online by visiting the website at www.Scots-Irish.org, calling the Main Street office at 865-397-7420 x17, or sending your check to DCT Burns Dinner, P.O. Box 1382, Dandridge, TN 37725. If you are not able to attend, please consider a contribution to the Scots-Irish Festival.

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