



## **Maitland Rotary Art Festival Celebrates 35th Anniversary – Presents "Art Under the Stars"**

MAITLAND, FL – September 27, 2011...The Rotary Club of Maitland announced the return of the reinvented and expanded 35th Annual Maitland Rotary Art Festival, to be held on September 30th – October 2nd around the shores of beautiful Lake Lily in Maitland. Again this year featuring expanded evening hours – beginning Friday night at 6 p.m., 144 artists for a less crowded show, variety of food, beer and wine. Admission is free, with proceeds from the sale of food, parking, and festival posters to benefit local charities.

Artists will receive \$20,100 in prize money in this juried show. Awards will also be presented to youth artists participating from local schools. Children's art will be on display inside the Maitland Civic Center.

The City of Maitland's Cultural Partners, Performing Arts of Maitland (PAM), The Maitland Art and History Association, the Maitland Public Library each are contributing to this Festival. The Maitland Stage Band will perform Friday evening and the Maitland Symphony Orchestra will perform on Saturday evening.

Over \$575,000 has been distributed to local charities from event proceeds, with \$40,000 distributed from proceeds of the 2010 show alone to organizations including the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Boy Scouts, Michelee Puppets, NAMI of Greater Orlando, Maitland Art & History Center, Kids Beating Cancer, Performing Arts of Maitland, Habitat for Humanity, Freedom Ride, Conductive Education Center, Center for Independent Living, Kids Beating Cancer, Adult Literacy League, Alzheimer Resource Center, and the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus campaign.

Festival hours: Friday 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sponsors for the 2011 Festival include *TD Bank, Don Reid Ford, Progress Energy, Cox Events Group, Simply Well and The Orlando Home and Leisure Magazine.*

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**About Rotary** The Rotary Club of Maitland produced its first Art Festival in 1976. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. About 1.3 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in 170 countries. The Rotary Club of Maitland was formed in 1960 with a current membership of 40 business leaders and celebrating 50 years of service in 2010. The Maitland Rotary Art Festival is a 501 c(3) charitable organization.