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“Third Thursdays on Tybee” Welcomes Megan Panther and Darryl E. Van Horne on October 21

Tybee Island, GA – (October 12, 2010) Tybee Island’s Better Hometown Program is pleased to announce that Megan Panther and Darryl E. Van Horne will perform October 21 from 5:30pm until 6:30pm at the Lot at Tybee Oaks, 1213 Hwy 80, for *Third Thursdays on Tybee*, the family-friendly, free, outdoor musical concert series.

Panther teamed with Horne when she was invited to perform with a regional favorite, *The Permanent Tourist*, with which Horne performs. Music lovers can hear the dynamic duo often at hot spots around Bluffton, Savannah and Wilmington Island throughout the year. As seasoned corporate performers, their shows have included Southern Living’s “Music to Your Mouth” and performances at the famous Fontaine Bleu in Miami. The two have also recorded several original songs that can be found at www.meganpanther.com. Panther says, “We are looking forward to bringing our brand of music to the great crowd at Third Thursdays on Tybee again!”

Enjoy this listener’s delight while strolling and experiencing the shops, restaurants and the outdoors on the northern portion of the Main Tybee Corridor. Restaurants will be serving refreshments as always. Therefore, there is no need to bring your own. (Rain location will tentatively be at Huc-a-Poo’s Bites and Booze.)

November’s Third Thursdays will highlight the musical talents so The Savannah Ceili Band at the Tybrisa / Strand roundabout on November 18 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

These concerts are made possible with assistance from the City of Tybee Island and sponsorship support of WRHQ radio and Creative Approach.

A portion of Tybee Island’s Better Hometown mission is to “support and encourage the arts as a cultural endeavor and economic engine on the Island.” Third Thursdays on Tybee highlights Tybee Island as an inviting and thriving arts community. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.

About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee’s Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island’s raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick’s Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the

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Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.

About Tybee Island's Better Hometown Program: Tybee's Better Hometown Program follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self-help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad-based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.

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