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A PAINTED DOOR FROM JIM MORRISON'S CHILDHOOD HOME BEING AUCTIONED TO BENEFIT TWO BUFFALO, NY ORGANIZATIONS

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Operation Gang-Free Streets are recipients of Triangle Development Company's donation of the "Love Her Madly" door

BUFFALO, NY – On Saturday, February 2 at 8 p.m. the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra presents "The Music of The Doors" concert and also kickoffs a special auction of an authentic hand-painted door from Jim Morrison's childhood home, previously owned by his grandparents.

When Triangle Development of Clearwater, Florida, purchased a piece of property to build the Island View condo development, it was soon realized that the house where Jim Morrison spent much of his formative years was right smack dab in the middle of the project! Rather than just demolish the house, Ben Kugler, a Doors fan and co-owner of Triangle, had a moment of sheer brilliance. "Why don't we take all the doors out of the house, have fantastic artists paint them and make them available via auction to Doors fans everywhere and give the proceeds to charities that are really making a difference?" he asked. Everyone involved in the project enthusiastically agreed and *The Jim Morrison Home Legacy Series* was born.

Jim Morrison (late frontman for the rock group, The Doors) lived 6 years of his life in the house which was situated on the current site of the Island View condominium project by Triangle Development Co. The door being auctioned is titled "Love Her Madly" (formerly from the Master Bathroom of the house) and is being painted by well-known Clearwater artist **Doug Wright**. Doug has also painted the "Break on Through" door which Triangle Development Company donated to Largo Cultural Center's "Partners N Progress for the Arts" in Largo, Florida, and the "Feast of Friends" door donated to the Clearwater Public Library, to remain as part of their permanent collection commemorating Jim Morrison, their most famous library card holder.

(Other artists who have participated in the *Jim Morrison Legacy Series* include world-famous artist Jim Warren, who is painting the “Light My Fire” door, and artist Judith Dazzio with the “When the Music’s Over” door which benefited the Clearwater Jazz Holiday, the largest free jazz festival in the country outside of New Orleans.)

On February 2, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performs with conductor Brent Havens, singer Randy Jackson and a full rock band “The Music of The Doors. In conjunction with that concert, this beautifully painted and authenticated “Love Her Madly” door (including a customized doorbell that plays snippets from the song “Love her Madly”) will be unveiled by the artist, Doug Wright, at the concert. The auction for this door will begin on eBay that day and all are encouraged to participate.

To make a bid in this auction go to www.TheJimMorrisonHomeLegacySeries.com or www.bpo.org for the link to the eBay auction. The person with the winning bid will also receive a commemorative book with a notarized certificate of authentication for the door, photos of each article in *The Jim Morrison Home Legacy Series* and its former location in the home, and a DVD documenting the dismantling of the house.

Proceeds from the auctioned “Love Her Madly” door will benefit two Buffalo non-profit organizations: The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and “Operation Gang Free Streets” which is a grassroots project that takes ‘would-be’ gang members and teaches them a better way of life through education and vocational skills. In Los Angeles, California, where this project has been operating, gang killings dropped 30% this past year, which is the lowest in 37 years. To learn more about Operation Gang-Free Streets, please email: gangfreestreeets@yahoo.com

Profiles

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (www.bpo.org) - This world-renowned Orchestra was founded in 1935. Since 1940, the Orchestra's permanent home has been Kleinhans Music Hall, a National Historic Site with an international reputation as one of the finest concert halls in the United States. It was designed by Eliel and Eero Saarinen with F.J. and W.A Kidd, architects. Over the decades, the BPO has matured in stature under the batons of some of the leading stars of the podium. William Steinberg, Josef Krips, Lukas Foss, Michael Tilson Thomas, Maximiano Valdez, Semyon Bychkov and Julius Rudel are among the luminaries who have served as music directors of the Buffalo Philharmonic. As Buffalo's cultural ambassador, the BPO has toured widely across the United States and Canada, including concerts at Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Boston's Symphony Hall, San Francisco's Davies Hall, Montreal's Place des Arts, and twenty-two appearances in Carnegie Hall. The Buffalo Philharmonic also made two national tours under famed Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler, as well as a highly successful European tour under Semyon Bychkov. Currently, the Orchestra presents more than one hundred Classics, Pops and Youth Concerts each year in Western New York. During the tenure of current music director JoAnn Falletta, the Buffalo Philharmonic has rekindled its distinguished history of PBS broadcasts and recordings.

Operation Gang Free Streets (gangfreestreeets@yahoo.com) is a collaborative effort utilizing effective methods to end the gang violence in Buffalo, NY. Gang violence in our fair city has been continuing despite valiant efforts to stop it. Operation Gang Free Streets is a collaboration with Urban Community Corporation, Cease Fire, and Criminon. Urban Community Corp. is a local organization dedicated to teaching young men and women who would otherwise be involved in gangs, the building trade by renovating abandoned crack houses and making the kids involved as well as the houses valuable assets to the community. Cease Fire is an organization composed of original founding members of many different gangs who have dedicated themselves to stopping what they have started. Members of Cease Fire educate gang members that violence is not the way to success and will intervene when gang fights break out, or before they even start. Criminon is an internationally renowned criminal rehab program that educates the offenders in morals, ethics and the way to make better choices in their lives. This approach has been very successful in Los

Angeles, where many of the gangs in existence today were founded and some of the most violent and prolific gang crimes are committed everyday. After one year in existence, the gang crime rate has dropped 30 percent, which is the lowest in 37 years!

Triangle Development Company is the builder of the Island View condominium project in Downtown Clearwater, Florida (www.MyIslandView.com). Founded by Ron Pollack and Ben Kugler, both Clearwater residents, philanthropists and businessmen of high integrity dedicated to improving not just the local community but also the lives of others on a broad scale. Ben Kugler, a father of seven, has made it his life's work to give children a fair start in life. At 14, he was honored as the Number One fundraiser in Illinois with his door-to-door solicitations for Leukemia Research, and prior to his graduation from the University of Illinois he raised thousands for the children caught up in the Biafran war. Over the last 20 years he has co-founded and been the chief fund-raiser for four children's charities, which have helped thousands of foster children, economically deprived and at-risk teens to succeed better in life. His partner, Ron Pollack, a Harvard Law graduate and father of five children, has similarly donated significant time and money to many different charitable and social-betterment endeavors. These include serving as chairman of the New York Rescue Workers Detoxification Project, a groundbreaking program in NYC that treats those who suffer from toxic exposure as a result of the 9/11 tragedy. Through his Pollack Family Foundation which he founded in 1999, he also supports many local Tampa Bay charities and the arts.

Triangle Development's Island View project incorporates retail and restaurants with dramatically designed luxury living and wide-ranging amenities. On the waterfront with its own private beach yet in the heart of Downtown, Island View's two bedroom, two bath residences start from the mid \$400's.

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