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***unearth* Call for Artists**

Columbia, Irmo, and Lexington, SC – The Saluda Shoals Foundation and Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission invite artists to submit applications to participate in *unearth, a celebration of naturally inspired art*, to be held October 1-4, 2009 at Saluda Shoals Park. Selected artists will share their creative ideas and talents with park guest at this annual celebration of the arts which showcases visual, performing and literary arts in an outdoor setting. Deadline for submission is July 15, 2009. Applications are available at www.unearthsaluda.org or call 772-1228 for more information.

Submissions can include but are not limited to art demonstrations and interpretation, musical/dance performances, theatrical vignettes and poetry readings. Selected artists will be awarded a stipend of \$125 to help cover costs associated with participation in the event. An independent panel of judges will select the slate of artists by July 30, 2009.

“Saluda Shoals Park provides to artists the inspiration that Giverny gave to Monet and the Mississippi River delta gave to Audubon,” says Irene Dumas Tyson, Saluda Shoals Foundation Board Member. “*Unearth* gives artists a beautiful place along the banks of the Saluda River to be inspired by nature as they paint, draw, sculpt or write and an opportunity to share their talents and creative processes with visitors to the park.”

unearth, a celebration of naturally inspired art will be held at Saluda Shoals Park from October 1 through 4. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in art, nature, and the creative process. Art demonstrations and instruction, poetry reading, a variety of musical and dance performances and a songwriting workshop & competition will engage visitors in a unique art experience.

unearth is presented by the Saluda Shoals Foundation and Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, the Irmo Chamber of Commerce, and the Musician & Songwriters Guild of South Carolina.

The Saluda Shoals Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to serving as a steward of and an advocate for the preservation and sustainability Saluda Shoals Park programs and the environment.

***unearth* is the recipient of the 2009 National Recreation and Parks Association Dorothy Mullen Arts and Humanity Award.** For more information about *unearth* or the Saluda Shoals Foundation, please contact Dolly Patton at 213-2035.

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