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Patsy Cline’s Historic House Renovation Milestone

– renovation to begin immediately –

WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA (January 21, 2011) Friday, January 21, 2011 at 11:00 am, on the front porch of Patsy Cline’s Historic House at 608 S. Kent Street, Winchester, VA, Celebrating Patsy Cline, Inc (CPC) will announce to the world that renovations will begin immediately with an anticipated opening to the public in late spring of 2011.

The home of country music legend, Patsy Cline, in her hometown of Winchester, VA, is about to undergo its first phase of renovation. Celebrating Patsy Cline, Inc., a nonprofit corporation committed to preserve and perpetuate the legacy of Patsy Cline and her music has been fundraising towards this goal for just under eighteen months.

Celebrating Patsy Cline’s President Judy Sue Huyett-Kempf, notes the significance of the announcement on this particular day, “January 21 marks the anniversary of Patsy winning the Arthur Godfrey talent show in New York City in 1957 by singing “Walkin’ After Midnight.

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This talent contest launched her world-famed career, and at this time she was living in this house with her mother and siblings.”

“Words can’t express our excitement as we stand here today to announce that the fundraising goal of \$100,000.00, required to begin the first phase of renovation, has been reached,” stated Huyett-Kempf. “This is a tremendous day for the family of Patsy Cline, and her fans.” The historic home will portray the story of Patsy’s Winchester years [1948-1957] when she lived there with her mother and siblings during the decisive years of her early career. It is where she lived when she signed her first record contract with 4 Star Records, when she debuted in Nashville on the Grand Ole Opry, when she won Arthur Godfrey’s Talent Scouts national television show’s competition singing “Walkin’ After Midnight”.

The Historic House has earned a listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. It stands as an icon for Patsy Cline fans and admirers hoping to know firsthand the story of Patsy’s early years. Her home is already esteemed throughout the world as a significant monument along the Patsy Cline pilgrimage. The Kent Street property embodies her spirit and signifies her “hometown” roots where she got her start, often returned, and found her final resting place.

“This day wouldn’t be possible without the generous donations of individuals and businesses committed to our mission” notes Huyett-Kempf. A special thanks to the fundraising committee led by Shelda Longerbeam.” Their tireless efforts have made this day possible.

Sally Coates, Executive Director of the Winchester-Frederick County Convention & Visitors Bureau, equates the opening of Patsy Cline’s Historic House to a long-awaited dream-come-true. “I am confident that the Historic House will quickly become a major tourist attraction; and Winchester-Frederick County will become an even more important destination,” she said.

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CPC selected with Winchester based KEE Construction Services to lead the renovations, who is already working with Jim Burton (Carter+Burton Architects) and Richard Ruckman (Ruckman Engineering) to establish the scope of repairs for the structure and design changes. According to Daniel Mckee, Phase 1 will entail mostly structural and cosmetic repairs along with ADA improvements. The goal of Phase 1 is to be able to open the home that will accommodate public visitors for tours. Renovations will include the demolition and moving of interior miscellaneous walls with restorations added to reflect the house when it was occupied by Patsy Cline. The hardwood floors will be refinished in original section of the home. The grounds will be cleaned so events can potentially be held in the back yard area.

Phase 1 also includes landscape and streetscape improvements to enhance the grounds of the house. Celebrating Patsy Cline is inviting fans to purchase a commemorative brick to be permanently placed on the sidewalk in front of her house and will serve as a testament of her fans' admiration for all visitors to see. The commemorative brick order form is on the official Celebrating Patsy Cline website: www.CelebratingPatsyCline.org

Celebrating Patsy Cline will publish a new Facebook Page dedicated to Patsy Cline's Historic House immediately following the Press Conference. Fans can follow the progress of the restoration and watch for news of the opening event.



Patsy Cline's Historic House <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Patsy-Clines-Historic-House>

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