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**FALL FEST AT THE HERMITAGE CANCELLED SUNDAY
DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**
Saturday was an overwhelming success

Nashville, Tenn. (October 6, 2013) – Thousands of Middle Tennesseans came out to The Hermitage, Home of Andrew Jackson on Saturday to enjoy the visual arts, participate in the stacked box community mural project and enjoy the festivities. Due to inclement weather, Fall Fest has been cancelled today.

In making the announcement, The Hermitage President and CEO Howard J. Kittell said, “We’re thrilled with the overwhelming success and attendance of Fall Fest yesterday, and are sorry to have to close the event for today due to inclement weather. The guided tours of The Hermitage will still be taking place and we encourage visitors to enjoy that experience.”

Thousands of guests enjoyed the visual arts where more than 90 local and regional artists and artisans displayed their work during “Fall Fest at The Hermitage.” With mediums ranging from photography, basketry and ceramics to painting, jewelry, leather, and woodwork, the ‘Artist Gallery’ featured exciting demonstrations and artisan goods for purchase. Guests enjoyed local musical artists ranging from rock and roll and southern rock to bluegrass, jazz and country music.

Nashville artist Myles Maillie, famous for his colorful impressionist style, envisioned the box mural project. “We have been amazed at the response from the community,” said Maillie. “From schools and churches to offices and private parties, hundreds and hundreds of boxes painted by the community were on display. Setting a Guinness World Record is very likely.” More than 3,000 boxes will now be recycled.

The public-art piece was the focal point of an art and music event in partnership with Metro Nashville Arts Commission as part of its “Artober” happenings.

In addition to massive walls that were comprised of boxes painted by individuals, independent box sculptures were also painted. Some highlights included a giant Rubik’s Cube painted by the Nashville Pet Community Center and a 7 ½ x 12 ft. rainbow painted to display in the lobby of Deloitte in celebration of LGBT Pride Month.

About “Fall Fest at The Hermitage”

“Fall Fest at The Hermitage” celebrated Tennessee’s cultural and historical heritage with variety of visual art, performance art, food and music, all on the ground of President Andrew Jackson’s 1,120 acre

plantation. More than 100 artists and crafters from across the state and region will attend and display work including photography, basketry, ceramics, paintings, jewelry and woodwork. Visitors were able to watch many of the artists and crafters at work, like a master blacksmith forging with Jacksonian-era materials. On Saturday, the festival highlighted the sounds of rock and roll, southern rock, bluegrass, jazz and country music, and an array of local food vendors were on site during the festival offering a sampling of signature dishes, as well as selections of local beer and wine. For more information, visit www.fallfestatthehermitage.com.

About The Hermitage

The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson, is one of the largest and most visited presidential homes in the United States. In 1856, the State of Tennessee purchased the property from the Jackson family, entrusting it to the Ladies' Hermitage Association in 1889 to operate as one of America's first historic site museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 30 historic buildings, including restored slave cabins. Thanks to efforts of this nonprofit organization, the mansion is the most accurately preserved early presidential home in the country. The Hermitage is a national model for authenticity, conservation, and historic preservation. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as archaeology and the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of some 180,000 annual visitors, including 30,000 school children, from all 50 states and many foreign countries; in fact, we interpret The Hermitage mansion in five foreign languages. The property also receives 30,000 annual visits from the local community, including more than 1,000 children who play Little League baseball at The Hermitage's Rotary Park. The Hermitage is a "Partner Place" with the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and a site along the National Park Service's Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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