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Airport Hosts Flights of Fancy on June 9

Enjoy wine, watercolors and whimsy at the second annual Flights of Fancy celebration, 6 to 8:30 pm on Thursday, June 9, in the Springfield-Branson National Airport Terminal Lobby.

Hosted by the Springfield-Branson National Airport in conjunction with the 10 Weeks Festival, Flights of Fancy benefits Springfield's Care to Learn Fund and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Arts Education Endowment Fund. The event also marks the opening of the National Watercolor Society's 90th Anniversary Exhibition—bringing three renowned watercolor societies' exhibits to the same city for the first time ever. The evening culminates with the presentation of the 2011 Ozzie Awards by the Springfield Regional Arts Council.

"Two years ago, we proudly unveiled a new airport terminal that would serve as an artistic showpiece for southwest Missouri, both in the building's architectural design and in the establishment of a Sky Gallery displaying the work of area artists," said Shawn Schroeder, acting director of aviation. The "Flights of Fancy" event embodies the airport's continued commitment to the local cultural community by bringing a diverse selection of regional arts organizations together and to life in one location, for one night only."

Flights of Fancy attendees will sample whimsical flavors and drink in all the festivity with complimentary wine from Vino 100. Every fifteen minutes will bring a new arrival to the main stage—and a spirited departure from the ordinary through drama, music, song and dance.

- 6:00-6:30 PM Springfield Little Theatre Young Artists, Landers Kids, Troupers in Training
- 6:30-6:45 PM Springfield Symphony Orchestra Borderline Wind Trio
- 6:45-7:00 PM Springfield Ballet
- **7:00-7:30 PM Event Welcome, with special guest Doug Pitt of Care to Learn, and the 2011 Ozzie Awards**
- 7:30-7:45 PM SRO Lyric Theatre, featuring Kim Crosby, Sean Spyres and Traci Pritchard
- 7:45-8:00 PM Springfield Symphony Orchestra Borderline Wind Trio
- 8:00-8:15 PM Springfield Ballet
- 8:15-8:30 PM SRO Lyric Theatre, featuring Kim Crosby, Sean Spyres and Traci Pritchard

Additional participants include: Springfield Regional Arts Council demonstrating artists, Springfield Contemporary Theatre, MOXIE Cinema, Missouri Film Alliance and Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

"It is wonderful that the Springfield-Branson National Airport has chosen to host the second Flights of Fancy event and designated all proceeds to benefit arts education and the Care to Learn program. The impact this event will have on arts education in our community will benefit children in Springfield for years to come," said Randy Russell, of the 10 Weeks Festival. "The beautifully designed facility makes a perfect performance venue and with the addition of the Springfield Regional Arts Council Ozzie Award recognition that evening, those receiving awards will have the benefit of doing so during at an event that showcases Springfield's outstanding performance and visual art organizations."

Tickets are 25 dollars and completely tax deductible. RSVP quickly as places are limited. To order, visit flyspringfield.com/fancy, call 417-868-0500 (x2001) or mail a check to Terri Winchester at 2300 N. Airport Boulevard, Springfield, MO 65802. Free parking is available east of the terminal in the employee parking lot.

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