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FAIRGOERS ARE IN FOR THE RIDE OF THEIR LIVES

The Miami-Dade County Fair runs March 26th through April 12, 2009

MIAMI, FL – Fairgoers are in for the ride of their lives at the 58th Annual Miami-Dade County Fair, which kicks off 18 days of cool attractions and unforgettable family experiences from March 26th through April 12, 2009. From thrilling rides, lip smacking foods, fabulous entertainment, impressive exhibits and more, mark your calendars for the 2009 Fair. Highlights include:

<u>**RIDES**</u> Whether it's up and down, round and round or upside down, with more than 90 midway rides to choose from, including the all new *Freak Out*, the latest Pendulum type ride and The Disco, (brief description) fairgoers who are young or young at heart, will get their fill of mind-blowing fun at the 2009 fair. In addition, The Fair will bring back both KiddieLand and KiddieLand Too! offering loads of fun for the children.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT – With free live entertainment included with the price of admission, fairgoers are in for a world class entertainment line up at The 2009 Fair – New shows include *A Night at the Movies – on ice; Baile!* – A tour of Latin America through dance; *The Marcan Tiger Preserve* – an educational and entertaining show promising to be "*tigerific.*" And back by popular demand – *The Royal Hanneford Circus* featuring Johnny Peers' *Muttville Follies-* a comedy dog act, the *Smirnov Duo's* Quick Change act, the *Poema Family Risley* Act or foot juggling act, the contortion antics of the *Seyranyan Sisters* and the *Isavette Duo* with their aerial artistry. Plus *ShaeLaurel*, a nationally touring family show band; *Show–Me Safari Petting Zoo, Pig Races and Pony Ridesare back along with* lots of strolling entertainers. *In addition*, a daily Mardi Gras Parade featuring new celebrity Grand Marshal is presented each day.

<u>FAIR FOODS</u> – Dieters beware! – Some fair foods are not for the faint of heart. Indulge in scrumptious delights from more than 165 food vendors that include fair favorites such as elephant ears, funnel cakes, corn dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and candied apples. On a diet? Not to worry, with the popular roasted corn and lots of grilled fare, your health conscious cravings can be fulfilled too.

EXHIBITS – With close to 50,000 students and adult exhibits and competitions, The Fair is a real community affair that showcases the talents of South Florida's best. Combining the rich tradition of education, art, horticulture, agriculture, livestock and entertainment, Fair exhibits and competitions represent the essence of The Fair and give the youth in the community the opportunity to showcase and be rewarded for their talent.

Presented by Miami-Dade Volkswagon Dealers, the 2009 Miami-Dade County Fair will be celebrating its 58th year beginning March 26th through April 12, 2009. Ranked the largest fair in Florida, The Fair is an 18-day event which includes rides, games, food and live entertainment. Close to 50,000 student and adult exhibits are showcased during The Fair. Admission to The Fair is \$9 for adults and children, free for children five years of age and younger. The Fair is located at Coral Way (SW 24th Street) and 112th Avenue in Southwest Miami. Gates are open from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 10 p.m. on weekends with special early noon openings on Friday, March 27 and April 10, 2009. For more information, call (305) 223-7060 or visit www.fairexpo.com.

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