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Riverside Humane Society's 11th Annual Comedy Night Set for Sept. 12 Features Comedians Robert G. Lee and Carlos Oscar

*KOLA 99.9 FM's Cindy Davis Is MC;
Raffle Prize Is a 7-Night Mexican Riviera Cruise*

RIVERSIDE, CA, August 13, 2008 – Unrestrained laughter will fill the air Friday night, September 12, when the Riverside Humane Society Pet Adoption Center (RHSPAC) hosts its 11th Annual Comedy Night at the Riverside Convention Center. The evening features nationally known comedians Robert G. Lee and Carlos Oscar. KOLA 99.9 FM's Cindy Davis, heard weekdays 9 to 2 on the Inland Empire's top classic hits station, will be the evening's MC. Proceeds from the event will help care for the cats and dogs awaiting adoption at RHSPAC.

Lee is one of Hollywood's top sitcom warm-up comics, a veteran of more than 1,000 episodes of shows such as "Just Shoot Me," "Frasier," and "The Drew Carey Show," as well as several VH-1 programs. He is a comedy writer, director and producer who also performs for corporate events, in churches and more.

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Oscar’s energetic stage persona and wit zeros in on family life, pop culture and everyday mishaps as he morphs into various characters and voices. A regular at major comedy clubs across the country, he has appeared on many network and cable television shows including “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” “The Single Guy,” and “VIBE.”

Activities begin at 7:00 p.m. when dogs available for adoption at the society’s Pet Adoption Center greet arriving guests at the entrance to the convention center. During a no-host cocktail reception guests will enjoy hors d’oeuvres as they peruse and bid on an eclectic selection of silent auction items donated by area businesses and artisans.

A popular feature of Comedy Night is the raffle. To highlight this year’s tropical theme, the prize is a luxury 7-night Mexican Riviera cruise for two aboard Royal Caribbean’s Mariner of the Seas. The package, valued at \$2040, includes outside stateroom accommodations and stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and more. The ship leaves from Los Angeles on March 1, 2009. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and are available in advance, as well as at Comedy Night. Winner need not be present.

The evening’s Entertainment Sponsors are Mary S. Roberts Foundation, Raincross Veterinary Services and Tavaglione Construction. KOLA 99.9 FM is Media Sponsor.

Cat’s Meow Sponsors include Gless Ranch, Hub International, Jan Peterson Child Development Center, Levi’s Landscaping, Lincoln Plaza Veterinary Clinic, Pedley Square Veterinary Clinic, Joe & Susan Perrone, Sunnymead Animal Hospital, Waggin’ Tails Day Camp, and Wells Fargo Inland Empire Commercial Banking.

It’s still not too late to become a sponsor or donate products and services for the silent auction. All donations are tax-deductible and donors will receive recognition in the event’s program book. Advertising space in the program is also available.

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Tickets for the 11th Annual Comedy Night are \$50 per person. Reservations are required. For reservations, raffle tickets, sponsorships, donations, advertising and general information, call Sandy at RHSPAC, 951-688-4340, ext. 312. Riverside Convention Center is located at 3443 Orange St. in Historic Downtown Riverside. Tropical attire is suggested.

Riverside Humane Society Pet Adoption Center, a non-profit public benefit charitable organization, is located at 6165 Industrial Ave. in Riverside. RHSPAC accepts owner turn-ins of cats and dogs and transfers from area animal-control shelters. No healthy, adoptable animal is ever put to sleep. Prior to adoption, each animal is spayed or neutered and microchipped, receives all necessary vaccinations and medical care, is monitored for physical, emotional and mental health, and is socialized. For more information, visit www.petsadoption.com or call 951-688-4340.

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Robert G. Lee – Credits

Robert G. Lee has been Hollywood’s top sitcom warm-up comic for almost two decades. He’s a veteran of more than 1,000 episodes of such shows as “Just Shoot Me,” “Becker,” “Frasier,” “Wings,” “The Drew Carey Show” and “The New Adventures of Old Christine,” as well as several shows on VH-1. In this role, he keeps audiences entertained for hours between costume and set changes with rapid-fire ad-libs and humorous interviews. Lee also is a writer, producer and director of videos and sketches for both adult and youth audiences. He’s even performed in churches and has made the front page of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Carlos Oscar – Credits

Carlos Oscar, of Puerto Rican decent, was born on the 4th of July in New York City. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he attended UCLA and now lives in Pasadena, CA, with his wife, two children and mother-in-law. Oscar’s early comedic influences were Johnny Carson, Bill Cosby and Freddie Prinze, Sr. He is a frequent performer at major comedy clubs across the country and has appeared on many network and cable television shows. His credits include “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” “The Single Guy,” “Living Single,” “Comedy Cure,” “The Apollo Comedy Hour” and “VIBE,” as well as HBO, Showtime and Comedy Central.