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**Chris Clark, of Motown fame, to perform intimate show at
Pelican Art Gallery in Petaluma on Valentine's Day**

Proceeds to benefit the Phoenix Guitar Gala

PETALUMA, CA (Jan. 10, 2009) – Artists, musicians, and legends have banded together to make the Phoenix Guitar Gala & Carnival possible. The event, the first of its kind for the Phoenix, will occur in the very building it supports – 201 Washington Ave. Petaluma, CA. It will feature 20 guitars designed and/or autographed by local artists and national legends, including George Lucas, Devo, Seth Green of Robot Chicken, Stan Lee (formerly of Marvel Comics), Les Claypool of Primus, John Lasseter, Devo, and more.

The event, scheduled to take place Sat. February 28, will feature a live Internet auction, a cocktail party in celebration of the event, a silent auction featuring artist memorabilia, and appearances by select artists listed above.

VALENTINE'S DAY PERFORMANCE

Chris Clark will be performing at the **Pelican Art Gallery** in Petaluma, CA on February 14, 2009. This romantic event, titled "Soul Music for Your Soul Mate," will feature love songs and other selections performed by Clark. To complement the soulful music by Clark, attendees will be served a sensual dinner and be surrounded with Clark's amazing artwork celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Motown. Dinner will include a velvety entree from Pazzo, award winning breads from Della Fattoria, Hearts Desire cheese from Cowgirl Creamery, tasty dessert from Vive Cocalat and coffee/tea from Petaluma Coffee & Tea.

Chris Clark is one of the artists who has designed a one-of-a-kind guitar to the Phoenix Guitar Gala for auction. The guitar will be on display throughout February 2009 at the **Pelican Art Gallery** (located at 143 Petaluma Blvd N. Petaluma, CA – Ph. 707-773-3393).

Tickets are \$50 a piece. Proceeds from this event will go to benefit the Phoenix Guitar Gala.

CHRIS CLARK BIOGRAPHY

Chris Clark is an American soul singer who recorded for Motown Records. Clark became famous in England as the "white Negress" (a nickname meant as a compliment), because the six-foot platinum blonde, blue-eyed soul singer toured with fellow Motown artists who were predominantly black. Recording on the V.I.P. label, one of several Motown imprints, Chris Clark is still acknowledged by Northern Soul fans for songs such as 1965's "Do Right Baby Do Right" and 1966's "Love's Gone Bad."

Another of her notable songs was the 1967 single "I Want To Go Back There Again." The United States' answer to Dusty Springfield, Clark managed to top the R&B singles chart. "Love's Gone Bad" made #105 pop, and #41 R&B in 1966. She also co-wrote the screenplay for "Lady Sings the Blues," a 1972 film starring Diana Ross, Billy Dee Williams, and Richard Pryor.

In recent years, Clark has become an art photographer and has exhibited her work mainly to art dealers and at a few galleries. She also performs on stage occasionally in clubs in the United States and in Europe. She currently lives in Santa Rosa, California.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE GALA & THE CHRIS CLARK PERFORMANCE

To secure your reservations for this special event on the 2/14/09 Valentine's Day Chris Clark performance ("Soul Music for Your Soul Mate), please visit pelicanart.com or call Pelican Art Gallery at (707) 773-3393.

For more details on sponsorships and the Gala, contact Jim Agius at jimagius@gmail.com or Kim Loop at kim@petalumaphoenix.org.

For more details on the Phoenix non-profit organization or programs, contact Amber Faur at amber@petalumaphoenix.org.

More information can be found at the Gala's official website – phoenixguitargala.com

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