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Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour, June 6-7, 2008

Historic Augusta, Inc. will host its fourth annual Downtown Loft Tour on June 6 and 7, 2008. A selection of trendy living and working spaces will be open to the public during First Friday between 6 pm and 9 pm and again on Saturday from noon to 5 pm.

The purpose of the tour is to encourage interest in the preservation and use of historic buildings in the Augusta Downtown Historic District by providing the public with an intimate look at their interiors. This year, participants will view twelve sites on Broad Street and beyond including the White's Building and Sutherland Mill, which are both in the process of being rehabilitated, and the "lofty" Union Baptist Church. The tour contains buildings of various sizes and styles, each with distinctive architectural features and design.

Tickets for the loft tour can be purchased for \$15 in advance or for \$20 during the tour. Advance tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Historic Augusta, 415 Seventh Street, Mellow Mushroom, 1167 Broad Street, Metro Spirit, 700 Broad Street, blue magnolia, 1124 Broad Street. During the tour, participants can collect a map or purchase tickets at Tour Headquarters in front of 1002 Broad Street. Proceeds benefit the programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc., a nonprofit membership based organization. The mission of Historic Augusta, Inc. is to preserve historically or architecturally significant structures and sites in Augusta and Richmond County.

Metro Spirit and Historic Augusta are co-hosting a Loft Tour Celebration following the tour on Saturday, June 7 from 8-11 pm. The party will be held at the City Club located at 724 Broad Street. The Joe Stevenson Band will provide the entertainment and there will be a cash bar. Admission is free with a Downtown Loft Tour ticket or \$5 at the door.

Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour is sponsored in part by Enterprise Mill, Merry Land Properties, Inc., Metro Spirit, NBC Augusta, The CW Augusta and WBBQ 104.3. Other sponsors include blue magnolia, City Club, Haltermann Partners, Inc., John R.B. Long, Sand Hills Properties and Sanford Bruker & Banks.

To purchase tickets or for more information about this or our other programs, please contact Historic Augusta, Inc. by telephone at 706-724-0436 or visit www.historicaugusta.org.