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Historic Augusta's Downtown Loft Tour, May 1 and 2, 2009

Historic Augusta, Inc. will host its fifth annual Downtown Loft Tour on May 1 and 2, 2009. 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, held during National Historic Preservation Month, 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 ten sites on Broad Street and beyond including the Stovall-Barnes House, built in 1860, which has recently been rehabilitated into apartments, and 965-967 Broad Street, which features a business on the first floor and residence above. The tour contains buildings of various sizes and styles, each with distinctive architectural features and design. On Friday night, tour stops will feature appetizers or sweets from downtown restaurants and caterers such as La Maison on Telfair and Reconstructed Soul.

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 and Hill Drug, 1432 Monte Sano Avenue. 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.

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