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## "CARNIVAL OF ILLUSION" CELEBRATES 1,000 PERFORMANCES WITH FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT DEGRAZIA FOUNDATION

**Tucson, Ariz.** – National award-winning entertainers Roland Sarlot and Susan Eyed of the popular Vaudeville-inspired theater show "Carnival of Illusion" will celebrate their 1,000<sup>th</sup> performance in January 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel Tucson. Ticket sales from the celebration weekend shows of January 21 and 22 will benefit the DeGrazia Foundation's education program.

"The arts completely opened my childhood to entirely new possibilities," explained Roland Sarlot, cocreator of Carnival of Illusion. "You never know how similar opportunities will help the next generation explore their future."

Eyed grew up in the Midwest with fond memories of Arizona artist Ted DeGrazia. "My family received *Arizona Highways* magazine and each month I would quickly scan the magazine looking for his artwork. It's an honor to come full circle and be able to support the DeGrazia Foundation," Susan added.

The DeGrazia Foundation has helped thousands of Tucson-area school students explore art over the years by paying for bus transportation for field trips to DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun, a 10-acre site in the foothills north of Tucson.

"School programs have been devastated by budget cuts," says DeGrazia executive director, Lance Laber. "When Roland and Susan suggested supporting our educational program, we were thrilled. We've known them as artists building something unique and wonderful, and they're passionate about sharing their success with future generations," Laber explained.

In "Carnival of Illusion," guests are transported back in time when magic flourished as an art. Sarlot and Eyed combine magic and mystery, humor and secrets in their popular, intimate theater shows, which are available Friday and Saturday evenings at the Doubletree Hotel Tucson. Show guests also receive a two for one dinner bonus at the Doubletree restaurants.

The 2009 national recipients for "Excellence in Magic," Sarlot and Eyed were featured performers during a recent run of 21 shows at the world famous Magic Castle in Hollywood and have performed as house entertainers at the world's top resorts.

Their 1000<sup>th</sup> show will be celebrated during the weekend performances on Friday, January 21 and Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel Tucson, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ. Tickets available at <u>www.carnivalofillusion.com</u> or (520) 615-5299. Event partners include Cox Media, Broadway in Tucson, Doubletree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park, ShowUp.com, and the DeGrazia Foundation.

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Interviews available upon request Media information at <u>www.carnivalofillusion.com/press/</u>