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HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL WILL KICK OFF 2009 EMF*fringe* SERIES

Greensboro, NC- The EMF*fringe* series returns for its seventh season and is off to a great start, with a show featuring the creative local group: **Holy Ghost Tent Revival**. Presented by YES! Weekly, the highly anticipated **Kickoff Party** will take place on **Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 6:30pm** in **Natty Greene's Pub & Brewing Co.** (345 South Elm St., Greensboro). This event is **free of charge** and open to the public. Join EMF*fringe* for music, appetizers, door prizes and a good time! Triad Stage box office representatives will be on hand to handle all EMF ticketing needs. For the first time EMF*fringe* season tickets are available.

One of the foremost local groups in the Greensboro area, **Holy Ghost Tent Revival** combines unique instrumentation and a range of musical possibilities. It is practically impossible to place them into a defined genre, as their music spans from jazz to folk and bluegrass, from ragtime to rock 'n roll. Their lyrics speak about uncertainty, love lost and passion, with the honesty that characterizes true musical expression. The band constantly tours around the nation, rapidly growing a base of strong supporters and changing the way music is experienced everywhere they go. EMF*fringe* is proud to have Holy Ghost Tent Revival open its 2009 series.

www.holyghosttentrevival.com

YES! Weekly, Natty Greene's Pub & Brewing Co., and Audio & Light are the proud sponsors of this event.

Now in its 48th year, the Eastern Music Festival & School is recognized for its prodigious contributions to the field of American music and its commitment to nurturing talented American and international youth through a collaborative learning process. The

program brings together a cross-section of America's most sought-after artists with pre-professional students in a five-week schedule of 100 concerts and music-related events. **Music Director Gerard Schwarz** heads a distinguished list of participating artists scheduled for 2009, including **Peter Serkin, Sarah Chang, Horacio Gutiérrez, Nadja Salerno Sonnenberg, Xavier Phillips**, plus many others.

The Festival also produces a popular EMF*fringe* series of alternative programming, featuring everything from Americana to alt country, blues, jazz and gospel with artists such as **Mike Cross, The John Cowan Band, Laurelyn Dossett, Steep Canyon Rangers, Waybacks, The Chris Hicks Band**, blues artist **Larry McCray** and more. EMF*kids* offers camps and concerts with each uniquely designed to foster a love and knowledge for classical and non-classical music. This year's concerts are **Shana Banana** and **Dan Zanes**. EMF*jazz&blues* runs each spring and EMF Fringe on the Fall each autumn. Season tickets on sale through June 27th (EMF*fringe* season tickets on sale through July 9th); single tickets on sale now. www.EasternMusicFestival.org; Box Office 336.272.0160 or 866.579-TIXX.

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For more information about EMF or its programs, please visit www.EasternMusicFestival.org, or call toll free: 1.877.833.6753

The Eastern Music Festival's mission is to promote musical enrichment, excellence, professional collaboration, innovation and diversity through a nationally-recognized teaching program, music festival, concerts and other programs which will enhance the quality of life, health and vitality of our region.

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