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ROCK ON AT EMF*fringe* WITH
THE CHRIS HICKS BAND!

Greensboro, NC- On **Thursday, July 9, 2009** the EMF*fringe* series brings a new and exciting show featuring southern rock and roll group: **The Chris Hicks Band**. With a unique performing style that appeals to local audiences, Chris Hicks and his band will jumpstart this series with solid Southern rock. . The event will take place **at 8pm** in **Triad Stage** (232 South Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401). Tickets may be purchased for \$22 by calling the EMF Box Office at Triad Stage at 336.272.0160 or 866-579-TIXX, or online at www.EasternMusicFestival.org. **EMF*fringe* season tickets are on sale now through July 9th and are priced at \$114 or \$109 for seniors.** An After Party will be held at Upstage Cabaret at Triad Stage, with food provided by Mellow Mushroom. EMF*fringe* ticketholders get free admission by showing their ticket stub.

An experienced figure in the rock and roll genre, **Chris Hicks** has been performing in southern stages since he was a teenager. A past member of groups such as Legacy, the Fresh Figs and Loose Change, he also shared the spotlight with rock legends the **Outlaws** and the **Marshall Tucker Band**. His remarkable songwriting is recognized throughout the rock and roll world. Hick's music is characterized by his netherworld vocals, arena echoing axmanship and his freight train harmonica playing. Now with **The Chris Hicks Band**, his career as a solo artist has reached new heights engaging audiences everywhere he goes. www.chrishicksband.com

The Martha and William Murray Foundation is the proud sponsor of this event.

More About Eastern Music Festival

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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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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