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SPOKANE LILAC FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ROYALTY CORONATION – TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

The Spokane Lilac Festival is proud to announce that tickets to the 2009 Royalty Coronation are now on sale. The Coronation will be held at the Spokane Masonic Center on Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. “This is the third year in a row we’ve hosted the Royalty Coronation. We’re proud to support this 70-year tradition.” said Carlton Oaks, Chief Executive Officer for the Spokane Masonic Center.

Each year the Spokane Lilac Festival opens up the Royalty program to all senior girls at the 28 high schools within Spokane County. Each school picks one candidate to represent them. In November, the field is narrowed to what is affectionately known as the Fab 14. The Fab 14 candidates then go through extensive training which includes modeling, speech, hair, makeup, and flag training as well as dining etiquette. Their training culminates with one-on-one interviews with five judges selected from within the Spokane community on Saturday and a two-minute speech at the Royalty Coronation on Sunday. Following the speeches, the five judges select the six princesses and one queen that will spend the next year representing Spokane at parades and festivals throughout the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada.

“This is such a great group of girls and I’m amazed at the transformation in them in just three short months.” said Karene Garlich-Loman, Vice President of Royalty. “I’m confident the seven members of the Royal Court will be fantastic ambassadors for the Lilac Festival and Spokane Community.”

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 in advance through TicketsWest (800-325-SEAT) or at the Spokane Lilac Offices (3021 S. Regal Suite 105, 509-535-4554). They can also be purchased at the door for \$12.

The Spokane Lilac Festival Association is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to honor our military, nurture our youth and promote the Spokane region through ambassador outreach. The Spokane Lilac Festival also hosts the largest Armed Forces Torchlight Parade in the Nation, celebrating over 70 years of tradition. For more information please visit www.SpokaneLilacFestival.org.

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