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Neil Sedaka to Perform at Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala

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Atlantic City, NJ -- The Stockton College Foundation and its Benefit Committee have announced that Neil Sedaka, one of rock and pop music's legendary pioneers, will be the featured performer for the Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala set for April 21, 2007.

A performance by Neil Sedaka will culminate a spectacular evening of dining and live and silent auctions at the Trump Taj Mahal. Trump Entertainment Resorts Chief Operating Officer Mark Juliano is Honorary Chairman of the Benefit Gala. The Gala was held in Atlantic City for the first time last year, and that event raised more than one-half million dollars for student scholarships.

"We are grateful for the overwhelming community support that has made this event one of the most anticipated of the year," President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "Funds raised through the Stockton Scholarship Benefit Gala enable the College to attract the brightest and most deserving students. Over the years these scholarships have helped thousands of our students reach their goals."

The announcement of Neil Sedaka continues a 27-year tradition of hosting an accomplished entertainer for the College's major annual fundraiser. Past performers have included Harry Connick, Jr., Marvin Hamlisch, Judy Collins, Ben Vereen, Joel Grey and Roberta Flack.

For over four decades, Neil Sedaka's timeless standards have helped change the face of popular music. He broke through as one of the brightest stars during the formative years of rock and roll with memorable hits such as "Calendar Girl," "Breaking Up is Hard to Do," "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen," and "Oh Carol." He wrote the timeless classics "Laughter in the Rain" and "Love Will Keep Us Together," which won a Grammy Award as performed by the Captain and Tennille.

Sedaka also composed hits for the 5th Dimension, The Monkees, and Tom Jones, and has collaborated with such musical luminaries as Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Bobby Darrin, Neil Diamond and Cher. Contemporary artists he has worked with include Rita Coolidge, ABBA and Clay Aiken. Neil Sedaka's musical journey began with classical training in piano at the prestigious Juilliard School of Music.

“It is hard to imagine the history of rock and roll without the many contributions of Neil Sedaka,” said Kay Seelig, a board member of the Stockton College Foundation who is this year’s Benefit Chairperson together with her husband Mac Seelig, President of AC Coin & Slot.

Proceeds from the event support the Stockton College Foundation, which helps Stockton to offer student scholarships each year. To become a sponsor or reserve tickets for the Stockton Scholarship Benefit Gala, contact the Stockton College Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (609) 652-4658 or visit www.stockton.edu/springbenefit .

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