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## Art Garfunkel to Perform at Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Stockton College Foundation and its Benefit Committee have announced that Grammy Award winning recording artist Art Garfunkel will be the featured performer for the Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala set for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Caesars Atlantic City.

The announcement was given at the Exclusive Preview Reception on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the Atlantic City Country Club. Sponsors of the Gala were shown a video of Garfunkel expressing his enthusiasm for the Gala and the importance of raising funds for scholarships.

A performance by Art Garfunkel will culminate a spectacular evening of dining and live and silent auctions at the Caesars Atlantic City. This is the fourth year the event will be held in Atlantic City; with this year's fundraising goal set at \$750,000.

"This event is one of the most anticipated of the year, and it is because of the remarkable level of community support," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "We expect to attain our goal of \$750,000 despite challenging economic conditions. Funds raised through the Stockton College 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."

This year's Gala Chairman is Lloyd D. Levenson, Esq., the Chief Executive Officer for Cooper Levenson. He is joined by Harrah's Entertainment Eastern Division President J. Carlos Tolosa as Honorary Chairman of the Benefit Gala.

The announcement of Art Garfunkel continues a 29-year tradition of hosting an accomplished entertainer for the College's major annual fundraiser. Past performers have included Harry Connick, Jr., Howie Mandel, Marvin Hamlisch, Judy Collins, Ben Vereen, and Roberta Flack.

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Originally Garfunkel was revered for his chart-topping songs and albums with partner Paul Simon. Their greatest hits collection, which includes "Mrs. Robinson," "Scarborough Fair," "The Sound Of Silence," "The Boxer" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water," among others, is the biggest selling album ever by a duo.

After parting ways with Simon in 1970, Garfunkel acted in several major films including "Carnal Knowledge" (opposite Jack Nicholson) and "Catch 22." He also released several solo albums, the debut of which, "Angel Clare," featured the top-10 hit, "All I Know." Other solo albums included "Breakaway," "Fate for Breakfast," "Songs from a Parent to a Child" and most recently "Some Enchanted Evening," which was released in 2007.

"Taking on the fear and vulnerability of a live show keeps you vital," says Garfunkel, who enjoys the chance to perform new and classic material for fans. "I'm a singer trying to get away with a lucky job. I try to soothe, to lift...That's my life."

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 609-652-4830 or visit [www.stockton.edu/benefitgala](http://www.stockton.edu/benefitgala).

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