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PRICELESS JOSH BLUE ART TO BE AUCTIONED OFF LIVE FOR UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY COLORADO

Local Artist Gina Klawitter donates "Many Shades of Josh Blue" to 26th Annual Wine in the Pines Moonlight Masquerade

Denver, CO- (July 29, 2009) Josh Blue, Last Comic Standing Winner 2006, donated his signature headband, t-shirt and shoes to go in local artist Gina Klawitter's mixed-media piece portraying his many accomplishments, and to benefit United Cerebral Palsy. Klawitter states, "My eyes were wide and my jaws open as I toured United Cerebral Palsy Colorado's Campus. I had never imagined an organization that serves so many in countless ways." It is a privilege to be able to help. For the piece, I got the mask at Denver's honorary Blue Monday parade. It was the last one. The t-shirt is Josh's from the Mercury Café, a longtime popular local music venue and restaurant downtown. This is a one of a kind, a collector piece." The piece will be auctioned off live at the 26th Annual Wine in the Pines October 23& 24, 2009 in Keystone.

About Josh Blue: Blue resides in Denver and was the 2006 winner of NBC's Last Comic Standing. Having Cerebral Palsy, many of his jokes center around living with his disability, how he deals with it, and how other people view him. He was the first comedian to perform on The Ellen DeGeneres Show. He is a Paralympics Soccer Team player, and fine artist. Sale of the piece benefits United Cerebral Palsy Colorado. www.joshblue.com

About the Artist: Gina Klawitter is an artist explorer, interpreter and inventor who seeks to find and express joy through her art. From murals to portraits, her art has been purchased and commissioned by patrons across the United States. www.AliveonCanvas.com



About Wine in the Pines: This benefit for UCP Colorado has justifiably earned the reputation of a premier wine and culinary event. As with fine wine, age and dedication have become the evolutionary ingredients that have turned Wine in the Pines into one of the most elegant, enchanting and exciting events anywhere. Inspired by Kelly Smith, the daughter of founders Mike and Margaret Smith, owners of Dillon Ridge Liquors, Wine in the Pines is a fundraiser held each of the last 25 years to help support UCP Colorado, a non-profit organization which serves nearly 29,000 Colorado children, adults and families through early education, employment and family support services. Join us as we celebrate our 26th Year! Indulge in some of Colorado's most savory cuisine prepared flawlessly by Keystone's foremost chefs, paired with exquisite wines from around the world. This extraordinary gathering of culinary talents, discriminating wines and unmatched entertainment and atmosphere are all assembled to celebrate this premiere epicurean event! Wine in the Pines is October 23-24, 2009, Keystone Resort. Tickets are available online at www.wineinthepines.org or locally starting September 1, 2009 at Dillon Ridge Liquors in Dillon, Colorado.

About UCP Colorado: A 63 year old non-profit organization which serves nearly 29,000 Colorado children, adults and families through early education, employment and family support services. Located in Lowry, the 61,000+ square foot building houses UCP launched Vanguard Classical School, Employment Works, the Kyle E. Fisher Early Childhood Development Center and UCP Colorado's umbrella of Statewide Family Support Services.

Last year, UCPCO helped nearly 29,000 Coloradans
742 Children received help through Early Education
4,100 Teens and Adults received help through Employment Services
24,080 people received help through statewide family support, information and referral services
Eighty seven cents of every dollar goes directly into programs and services
Agency donations qualify for The Colorado Childcare Tax Credit
1,969 volunteers donated 89,438 hours of service
CP Launched Vanguard Classical Charter School
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