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LINE-UP FOR THE TELLURIDE BLUES & BREWS FESTIVAL TO BE ANNOUNCED, **APRIL 20, 2011**

Telluride, CO (April 12, 2011) - The 18th Annual Telluride Blues & Brews Festival takes the stage September 16-18th to kick-off another incredible year of music, fun, and tasty microbrews under a backdrop of 13,000 foot mountain peaks. April 20th marks the day that everyone has been waiting for, the announcement of the Telluride Blues & Brews 2011 Festival lineup.

"This year is one of the most eclectic and exciting line-ups in the history of the festival," said Steve Gumble, President and founder of the Festival. "This weekend will see new acts never to have graced the stage here in Telluride - from blues to rock, with some big surprises!"

Since its very beginning, Blues & Brews has embraced a wide array of blues and funk music to create what this Festival is known for today - good music and good beer. Recent lineups have welcomed The Allman Brothers Band, B.B. King, Joe Cocker, G Love and Special Sauce, Taj Mahal, James Brown, John Mayer, Lou Reed, Bonnie Raitt, Gov't Mule, and so many more. The Telluride Blues & Brews Festival combines blues legends with modern day blues and funk acts to bring an eclectic mix of rock, funk, gospel and jam band greats.

Renowned as one of the most scenic music festivals in the country, Telluride Blues & Brews is located within the world-famous resort town of Telluride, CO, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. The Festival is a three-day celebration of music and micro-brews held in an outdoor music venue nestled within the aspen trees. A humble wooden stage with towering mountain peaks provides a natural showcase for the Festival's talent. For Festival-goers, the pristine mountain valley makes the perfect dance floor.

By day, experience live blues, funk, rock, gospel and soul performances, and the best micro-brews in the country, a wide variety of food and craft vendors, children's activities, and much, much more - all within the Festival grounds and only a couple blocks from the heart of Main Street, Telluride. By night, follow the festival music as it flows into town, where late-night juke joints fill indoor venues for after-hours jams, where you never know who'll show up!

On Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, the festival proudly hosts the acclaimed Grand Tasting. One of the premier beer tasting events in the Southwest, the Grand Tasting features more than 150 beers from over 50 microbreweries, including those from the Telluride Blues & Brews official beer sponsor, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company.

Additional festival highlights include Blues for Breakfast, the Rainbow Kids Area and Kids Parade, and the Telluride Acoustic Blues Competition.

"The unique thing about our Festival is that kids and parents alike can enjoy the Rainbow Kids Area while still having the pleasure of viewing the stage within the festival grounds," said Courtney McClary, Director of Festival Operations.

Three day passes, Juke Joint tickets, and camping passes for the 18th Annual Telluride Blues & Brews Festival are on sale now. Three day passes are available for \$160.00* each, and Juke Joint tickets sell for \$25* per night. Single day tickets go on sale Friday, July 1, 2011. Festival camping is available adjacent to the festival grounds for 4 nights starting Thursday, Sept.15. VIP and Early Bird three day passes are SOLD OUT!

Entire festival lineup to be announced next Wednesday, April 20th. For more festival information visit www.tellurideblues.com or call 1.866.515.6166 today. Tickets available locally at Telluride Music, located at 123 E. Colorado Ave.

*All ticket prices subject to a \$2.50 per day Town of Telluride fee and/or ticket handling fee.

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