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96.5 JACK-FM 007 Party at Bell Harbor International Conference Center is *the* Place to Ring in the New Year

Party sponsors announce new prizes, including a Tommy Lee-autographed drum head

SEATTLE – Dec. 21, 2006 – Tickets are going fast for 96.5 JACK-FM’s 007 New Year’s Party at Bell Harbor International Conference Center on Seattle’s waterfront.

Sponsors of the Dec. 31 party, which will benefit the Seattle Theatre Group and the Seafair Pirates Children’s Fund, have lined up additional prizes and celebrity appearances. A Tommy Lee-autographed drum head and a 7-day African Safari are among the newly announced raffle and auction items.

The casino-themed party will feature a dinner and special appearances by rock legends Goldy McJohn of Steppenwolf and drummer Alan White, who is best known for his work with the progressive rock band Yes. McJohn will play “Born to be Wild” and “Magic Carpet Ride,” and White will perform “Owner of a Lonely Heart” and other songs. There will be dancing to live music by Shelley and the Curves as well as the spinning of DJ Ricki Leigh. Prizes will be awarded for people with the best special-agent 007 attire.

The 21+ event begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a pre-gala VIP dinner, hosted by Music Aid Northwest and the Seafair Pirates. The party starts at 8 p.m. In addition to dancing, there will be mock gambling at roulette and blackjack tables.

Nearly \$10,000 worth of prizes will be awarded for the 007 best male, female and couple secret-agent or Bond-villain attire. The grand prize for best 007 attire for a couple is four tickets to Teatro ZinZanni, a stay for two couples at Seattle’s Vintage Park Hotel and an evening of chauffeur service by Bayview Limo.

Runner-up prizes for best agent couple are a one-night stay in the Executive Suite at The Edgewater Hotel with a \$150 gift certificate to the Edgewater’s signature restaurant, Six Seven; a two-night stay at the MarQueen Hotel’s Grand Suite; and the Hotel Monaco’s Ooh Baby, Baby Romance Package, which includes accommodations in the Monte Carlo Suite, a \$75 gift certificate to the hotel’s restaurant, Sazerac, and other items.

Among the grand prizes for the best male and female secret-agent and Bond-villain attire winners are a \$1,200 Pelage Spa and Skin Care package; a party for six at Tini Bigs Lounge, a McCormick & Schmicks dinner with limo service by Bayview Limousine; \$550 Dacels Jewelers & Gallery gift certificates; and a one-year membership to Epicenter Fitness in Seattle.

Some of the newly announced casino prizes are a Magellan Explorist 400 Portable GPS system; and a Tamarack Resort prize package, including four lift tickets. The Tommy Lee-autographed drum head and the African Safari will be auctioned. The minimum safari bid is \$2,000.

Raffles to benefit local charities will be held throughout the event. Proceeds from the dinner and raffles will benefit the Seattle Theatre Group (STG) and the Seafair Pirates Children's Fund. STG is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to operating Seattle's historic Moore and Paramount theatres.

The party, which includes the traditional midnight countdown capped by a champagne toast, will run until last call at 1:30 a.m.

Party guests will be given a discounted rate at several local hotels. Tickets to the dinner and party, a list of the hotels and other party details are available at www.007newyears.com

Tickets to the party are \$45 per person. The pre-gala VIP dinner costs \$50 per person. Tickets to the party, if still available, will also be sold at the door for \$55 per person.

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About Bell Harbor International Conference Center and Columbia Hospitality

Bell Harbor International Conference Center is one of the country's premier waterfront meetings-and-events venues. It was named one of the 2006 Planners' Choice Award winners by *Successful Meetings* and *MeetingNews* magazines. The award recognizes the top 25 conference centers in the United States.

Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality Inc., a leading hospitality management and consulting firm, operates and manages Bell Harbor. Founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer, Columbia Hospitality creates exceptional experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for its property owners.

Specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, Columbia Hospitality expertly transforms each vision for a unique property into an enduring and profitable business. Columbia Hospitality's premier properties include boutique hotels and secluded resorts, such as the following:

- Kenwood Inn and Spa in Sonoma's Valley of the Moon in Kenwood, Calif.
- The Inn at Langley on Whidbey Island, Wash.
- Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island, Wash.
- Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes, also on San Juan Island
- Darnell's Lake Resort on Lake Chelan, Wash.

The company also manages a portfolio of conference centers and event venues in Washington state. In addition to Bell Harbor International Conference Center, these venues include the following:

- World Trade Center Seattle
- Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center in Seattle (catering and events only)
- Pier 30 Event Center in Seattle
- Talaris Conference Center in Seattle
- Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside in Bremerton
- Washington Mutual Leadership Center at Cedarbrook in SeaTac

The company additionally supports an active consulting division that has worked on more than 50 hospitality development projects in five western U.S. states and Canada. Columbia Hospitality was named to the *Puget Sound Business Journal*'s list of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies in Washington State" four times in the past seven years.