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DANCE MUSIC HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES ITS CLASS OF 2005 AND WILL HONOR INDUCTEES IN A STAR-STUDED GALA AT NEW YORK’S MANHATTAN CENTER!

New York, New York -- August 29, 2005 (revised) – Tagged as “the hippest Award Show in Town” the Dance Music Hall of Fame announces its class of 2005 in what promised to be a fabulous night of honors, dance and celebration! The event will be held at the famed Manhattan Center in the Grand Ballroom on September 19th, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

The Dance Music Hall of Fame “Class of 2005” are:

Performing Artist:	Chic, Gloria Gaynor, Sylvester
Records:	Bee Gees “Stayin’ Alive”, Cheryl Lynn “Got To Be Real”, Chic “Good Times”, The Trammps “Disco Inferno”, Gloria Gaynor “I Will Survive”
DJ’s:	Francois Kevorkian, Frankie Knuckles, John “Jellybean” Benitez;
Producers:	Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, Nile Rodgers & Bernard Edwards, Quincy Jones
Remixer:	François Kevorkian

The honorees in all of the categories of induction have had a significant impact on international culture and the Dance Music Hall of Fame serves to recognize creators of dance music and its historical impact. Board of Director member Tom Silverman capitalizes the objective of this hip not for profit organization best as he states, “The Dance Music Hall of Fame exists to recognize the influence and impact that dance music artists, records, DJs, producers and remixers have had on music world wide. The 25 year eligibility requirement allows us to identify not only record sales but lasting impact and influence on future creators. Dance Music has been a genre that been greatly overlooked by the media especially in America since its inception but there is no denying the impact that the DJ has had on music.”

The Board of Directors also includes Daniel Glass, Eddie O'Loughlin and John Parker and its Board of Advisors is a who’s who in dance music. Says, Executive Director, Catherine R. Laporte, "We are very excited that we have kept the Dance Music Hall of Fame Induction Awards Gala in New York City and we invite music lovers from around the globe to attend the event this year! In addition to the presentation of our honors we have very special performances scheduled that any fan of “The Class of 2005” will not want to miss! Also, for the first time in over 25 years, the "original" members of The Trammps will come together on our Induction night stage! Special performances will be announced in the coming weeks. It is going to be a magical night of honor, glitz, and a "disco-mania" good time! We are further delighted that Showtime at the Apollo's Ray Chew is on board as our music director. Ray Chew and the Crew have been involved with many of our inductees in the past so we are thrilled to offer LIVE performances this year! The Gala features the Induction Ceremony, an Inductee Reception, a Silent Auction which features “first pressings” of the songs being inducted made available from a personal collection and more. Also



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on tap this year, is a week of activities which includes a Community Block Party, The Dance Music Hall of Fame Seminar Tour to an area performing arts middle school and college campus. Stage management will come from Events Inc's Peter Herman".

The Dance Music Hall of Fame further announces that it will again this year support **LIFEbeat – the music industry fights AIDS**. A portion of all proceeds will benefit the not for profit organization.

According to Board of Director member Eddie O'Loughlin, "The Dance Music Hall of Fame is developing successfully in our 2nd year as we expand to the Manhattan Center on September 19th after a sell out debut in the first year. Some of the artists nominated this year to include; Gloria Gaynor, KC and The Sunshine Band, and Chaka Khan are still popular and relevant through live sellout performances worldwide as is last years inductee, Donna Summer. Further, The Dance Music Hall of Fame is producing seminars in schools to spread the importance and history of these pioneers whose records are sampled and heard on the radio through current hits and commercials".

LIFEbeat is dedicated to reaching America's youth with the message of HIV/AIDS prevention and strives to cultivate a strong sense of self-worth and self-respect in youth to help them resist negative influences that may lead to engagement in risky behaviors. LIFEbeat further mobilizes the talents and resources of the music industry to raise awareness and to provide support to the AIDS community. For more information about LIFEbeat programs contact www.LIFEbeat.org.

The Dance Music Hall of Fame, a not for profit organization recognizes the contributions of those who have had a significant impact on the evolution and development of dance music. The Dance Music Hall of Fame Induction Awards recognizes deserving pioneers and serves as a celebration of dance music history and its significance to American and International culture. Each year the nominating committee selects nominees in the categories of Recording and Performing Artist or Songwriter, Record, Producer, Remixer, DJ and a special Lifetime Achievement Award. Ballots are then sent to an international voting committee of over 1,000 dance music experts, who select the final inductees. Recording Artists, Songwriters, Producers, Remixers and others that helped shape the dance music industry become eligible for induction 25 years after their first contribution or record release.

Corporate participation opportunities are available as well as silent auction opportunities. Guests include record labels and trade professionals from the dance music community and others. 2005 Dance Music Hall of Fame partners include, **VH-1 Classic, Billboard Dance Music Summit, ZeroIn Media, BMI, PK Graphics, Bassett Caterers, Hybrid Links, Rainbow Polybag Co., Inc** and more!

The Dance Music Hall of Fame Induction Awards Gala is open to the public, and promises to be a star-studded affair! **Manhattan Center is located at 311 West 34th Street (at 8th Avenue).**

Attendance to the Gala is available in two ways: Tables which range from \$3000.00 to \$1750.00 and individual tickets (seated at tables) at \$300.00. Advance reservations are recommended as seating is going fast! To purchase tickets, call **(516) 593-5045** or log onto The Dance Music Hall of Fame's very informative website www.dancemusicHalloffame.org.

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