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**RIALTO CENTER FOR THE ARTS 2006-07 SEASON
CONTINUES WITH THE BO DIDDLEY AND FRIENDS**

**BO DIDDLEY AND FRIENDS, ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART AND RUTHIE FOSTER
AT THE RIALTO NOVEMBER 10**

(ATLANTA) – Georgia State University’s Rialto Center for the Arts continues its 2006-07 season with Bo Diddley and Friends Friday, November 10, at eight p.m. Alvin Youngblood Hart and Ruthie Foster join the “Originator” Bo Diddley in his celebration of fifty years of Rock ‘n’ Roll genius.

Tickets are \$36-\$62 and are available at the Rialto Center’s box office, (404) 651-4727 or www.rialtocenter.org. Group and Georgia State University student discounts are offered for this show.

Nickolai’s Roof and Landmark Diner dinner packages are also available through the box office. This show is presented in collaboration with Woodruff Arts Center’s Celebrate Diversity through the Arts Initiative and the National Black Arts Festival.

When Bo Diddley exploded onto the music scene nearly fifty years ago, he brought with him a musical style that would change the direction of popular music forever. His iconic hits – “I’m a Man,” “Who Do You Love,” “Roadrunner,” and “Diddy Wah Diddy,” – have become a defining element in the sound of 20th-century popular music. Diddley’s pounding rhythm and blues, dubbed the “Bo Diddley Beat,” have earned him the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Headlining the show will be Alvin Youngblood Hart and Ruthie Foster, two artists who are carrying on Bo’s tradition of originality and innovation. Hart received a Grammy Award in 2005 for his contribution to the compilation CD *Beautiful Dreamers – The Songs of Stephen Foster*, which took home the Award for “Traditional Folk Album.” His album, *Soul*, was one of the *New York Times*’ top 10 releases of 2000, as well as the BBC’s Blues record of the year.

Ruthie Foster, the amazing vocalist whose “irresistible blaze” has been compared by critics to the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Aretha Franklin. The Texas-born artist has appeared on PBS’s Austin City Limits, and her critically acclaimed albums – *Stages* (2004), *Runaway Soul* (2002), *Crossover* (1999) and *Full Circle* (1997) – have solidified her position as one of the great female vocalists in Folk/Blues music today.

This year marks the Rialto’s ten year anniversary season, where the theme is, “Every Show’s a Celebration!” The Rialto Center’s 2006-07 season continues with **Eddie Palmieri** November 18 and the **Gala Holiday Concert** December 2 and 3, and **Savion Glover** February 2 and 3.



SUBSCRIPTIONS & SINGLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Subscriptions and single tickets are on sale now through the **Rialto Center Box Office** by telephone at 404.651.4727; by fax at 404.651.0966; online at www.rialtocenter.org; or by mail at P.O. Box 2627, Atlanta, GA 30301-2627. Patrons may subscribe in two ways: purchase 5 or more shows and receive a 15% discount or purchase 7 or more shows and receive a 20% discount. Starting at \$16, ticket prices vary by event and seat location. **Free parking is provided for all Rialto Series events at the Equitable Building deck on Fairlie Street. Paid valet parking is also available.**

Bo Diddley and Friends

Friday, November 10, 2006, 8:00PM

The Rialto presents “The Originator,” Bo Diddley. Bo exploded on the music scene fifty years ago, and his trademark Rock ‘n’ Roll style changed the direction of popular music forever. His hits *Who Do You Love*, *Roadrunner*, and *I’m A Man* – are iconic. Bo is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Joining him on stage will be 2005 Grammy Award winner Alvin Youngblood Hart, and Ruthie Foster – two artists who are carrying on the tradition of originality and innovation.

Venue: Rialto Center for the Arts

Cost: \$36/\$46/\$62 (Group and GSU faculty, staff, and students discounts available)

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