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**WACHOVIA SECURITIES AMERICAN GOLD CUP
OFFERS FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
*World's Best Horse Show Jumpers Compete In Cleveland***

Cleveland, Ohio—March 12, 2007—In addition to exciting international horse show jumping, the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup offers something for everyone with musical entertainment, children's rides and games, and fine shopping boutiques. The five-day Olympic-caliber equestrian event, which was moved to Cleveland from Philadelphia last year, will attract visitors from around the country to the Chagrin Valley, September 19 through 23, at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Moreland Hills, Ohio.

“This world-class event returned to Cleveland last year after a 35-year absence and was a major success, attracting top national and international competitors, as well as local show jumpers and fans to Northeast Ohio,” said Michael Morrissey, CEO of Stadium Jumping, Inc., organizer of the American Gold Cup. The event is popular with spectators because it is exciting and easy to understand. In show jumping, each horse and rider combination jumps a course of obstacles; the rider with the least jumping penalties (for knock downs) within the fastest time is the winner.

World Class Competition

Various levels of show jumping competition will be held throughout the week with evening performances on Friday and Saturday. The Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup is also an International Equestrian Federation (FEI) World Cup™ qualifying event. Riders in Sunday's \$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup finale (2 p.m.) also earn qualifying points toward the right to compete at the 2008 FEI World Cup Jumping Final in Sweden.

One Ticket Includes Something For Everyone – Family Fun, Live Music, Shopping and More

In addition to exciting daily show jumping action, admission to the Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup features the following additional attractions included with daily admission:

- **Live musical entertainment** is performed adjacent to the beautiful boutique area where unique shops offer clothing, gifts and equestrian items. On Friday, September 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. popular folk singer/songwriter **Alex Bevan** will perform prior to the evening's 7 p.m. competition. On Saturday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., **The Girls**, a nine-member band featuring the harmony of three teenage vocalists, will entertain spectators prior to the evening action. Sunday's

music will be performed by Lake County's own folk singer/songwriter **Steve Madewell** from 11:30 to 1:30, prior to the \$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup, grand prix show jumping's premiere event.

- **City Year Kids Fun Fair, Saturday, September 22** will take place from **11 a.m. until 3 p.m.** An inflatable slide and obstacle course, carousel rides, and horseless show jumping head the list of activities for parents and their children. Strolling performers will offer magic and balloon shaping, while face painting, character appearances and crafts will also be offered.

Proceeds from the day benefit the nonprofit City Year Cleveland (www.cityyear.org), which unites a diverse corp of young adults ages 17 to 24 for a demanding year of full-time community service and civic leadership.

- On **Sunday, September 23, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m** the Gold Cup will celebrate the **125th Anniversary of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**. In addition to rides and attractions, zoo staff will be on hand with a few interesting critters. Following the celebration, the \$100,000 Wachovia Securities American Gold Cup, will get underway at 2 p.m.

American Gold Cup History

The first American Gold Cup was held in conjunction with the Chagrin Valley PHA Horse Show in 1970 at the historic Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field, site of the nation's first show jumping grand prix. The following year it relocated to Florida and became the forerunner of today's American Invitational in Tampa, before settling near Philadelphia where it remained until last year.

Tickets

Advance tickets will go on sale in August at the customer service counter at Eton Chagrin Boulevard in Woodmere and Crocker Park in Westlake. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 children 12 to 3 and seniors; Sunday tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 children and seniors. Reserved boxes of six seats for the week are priced at \$750 and available in advance by calling (440) 834-8615 or at www.AmericanGoldCup.net.

The Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field is located at Route 87 and Chagrin River Road in Moreland Hills, just three miles west of Chagrin Falls. For more details visit us on the net at www.AmericanGoldCup.net.

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