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PRESS RELEASE

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Murray High Arts Festival to Feature *American Idol* Activities, Arts & Crafts, Food, Talent Show & More!

15 May 2008, Murray, Utah – ***"I Heart You"*** is the theme of Murray High's 5th Annual ArtsFest, set for Friday May 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Murray High School Plaza area. Art displays, performance, exhibits, paintings, photography, ceramics, bands, contests, crafts, jewelry and many more great activities will be featured this year's Fest with a car to be given away for the "Keys to Success" school program starting at around 10:45 a.m.

Some of the highlights of this year's ArtsFest include creative Interactive Arts & Crafts Demos geared towards student participation, great food vendors and outstanding musical performances in a day-long Talent Show. To be included in the MHS ArtsFest Talent Show, students and groups must audition prior to the event. **Last year, one of the ArtsFest Talent Show performers was David Archuleta!**

In celebration of David's great success on American Idol, the ArtsFest has collaborated with Dreyer's Ice Cream, Salt Lake City's Tracy Aviary and 101.5 The Eagle Fresh Country Radio to set up a terrific American Idol Plaza area. The Eagle 101.5 will be on hand with their big inflatable eagle; they will be playing music from David for everyone to hear, giving away tickets to events and other prizes.

Dreyer's Ice Cream in Salt Lake has donated over 50 gallons of their 5 new flavors of Slow Churned American Idol Ice Cream which includes *Cookies*, *'n Dreamz*, *Cheesecake Diva*, *Mint Karaoke Cookie*, *Most Orange-inal* and *One Split Wonder*. They are also contributing some fun American Idol give-aways. Murray High PTA volunteers will be selling the ice cream for only 50-cents a scoop to raise money to cover festival expenses.

Also entertaining in the American Idol Plaza area from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be one of the feathered contestants from Tracy Aviary's "Avian Idol" competition, "Winkie, the Great Horned Owl." Winkie was one of the competitors in an American Idol-like competition for birds held at the Aviary. He will be accompanied by a professional bird handler/educator and Tracy Aviary will also be bringing an 8-foot long banner featuring a picture of David Archuleta and the Avian Idol Bird Winner with space for signing and leaving messages for David. This banner will travel to Los Angeles next week with the "Avian Idol" bird winner to cheer David to victory in the very last phase of American Idol competition.

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The MHS Film Festival will follow the day *Arts Fest* activities in the evening from 6 – 8 PM at the high school. During this time, student film projects will be featured and screened in the school auditorium.

Everyone in the community is invited to join in the fun! The *Arts Fest* is FREE, but a dollar donation would be appreciated.

To locate the Plaza, enter Murray High School from State Street and park in the south parking lot: Murray High School, 5440 South State, Murray, UT.

For more information, contact Audra Kasparian, Murray High School at 264-7460 or email akasparian@murrayschools.org.

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of Murray School District; Scott Bushnell is principal of Murray High School, Dolph Church and Deborah Sorensen are the Assistant Principals.

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