

News Release

Contact: Tim L. Tetzlaff

For Immediate Release

239.262.5409 x 122 / tim@napleszoo.org

Bluegrass for Giraffes!

Featuring All New Announcement About Giraffes

Excitement continues to grow surrounding giraffes coming to Naples Zoo in 2011. Fundraising events have ranged from the grand opening of The Jolly Cricket restaurant on Fifth Avenue South to the signature fundraiser with Jack Hanna at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Now the community will have another wonderful opportunity to enjoy a great evening in support of giraffes. The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida is presenting bluegrass favorite *The Claire Lynch Band* for a concert at Cambier Park from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th, 2010. Everyone is welcome with a \$10 suggested donation that will go directly toward bringing giraffes to the Zoo! Naples Zoo Executive Director will also be making an all new announcement during the concert about the seeing the new giraffes before 2011.

Claire Lynch is an IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year winner and Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter. Widely known and loved in acoustic & bluegrass circles, she enjoys a tremendous reputation as a singer, band leader, and an award winning and prolific song writer. She has many hits of her own and has written hits for other artists. The show will be opened by the well known Naples area band *Frontline Bluegrass* with special guest Casey Weston. The concert is free with a suggested donation of \$10.00 to go toward bringing the giraffes Naples Zoo. Food during the evening will be offered by Fred's.

The concert will be held at Cambier Park, 755 Eighth Ave. S. in Naples. For concert information, call (239) 287-2035. Concert sponsors include Wynn's at the Zoo, Integra Realty Resources-SWF, Flamingo Island Flea Market, Adams & O'Reilly (McDonald's), Fred's, The Clay Place, Rembrandt Painting, Inc., Bayshore Landing Cafe, Mike McDonnell Trial Law, AA Laser Service, Monroe Station, and Accurate Public Insurance Adjuster.

Naples Zoo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization cooperating in conservation programs both in and outside the wild for endangered species. Naples Zoo cares for wild animals in its 43-acre facility in the heart of Naples and offers daily educational programs which reached over 293,000 guests in 2009. To learn more, click www.napleszoo.org or call (239) 262-5409.

Giraffe Exhibit Illustration & Claire Lynch Photos at www.napleszoo.org/press --END

