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TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE TO HOLD FIRST SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER

Tift at Twilight* offers special presentation by Jarod Miller, host of Fox 29's *Animal Exploration

BUFFALO, NY (August 3, 2010) – Tift Nature Preserve will hold its first signature fundraiser, *Tift at Twilight*, on Saturday, August 21 from 7 to 10pm at the Preserve (1200 Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo). Only 100 tickets are being sold at \$50 each. All proceeds from *Tift at Twilight* will benefit educational programming at Tift Nature Preserve. The Preserve is operated by the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Admission to *Tift at Twilight* includes a special appearance by acclaimed zoologist and animal conservationist Jarod Miller, host and producer of Fox 29's *Animal Exploration*, a nationally and internationally syndicated animal conservation show. Miller, a Hamburg, NY native, has also been seen on *Rachel Ray*, *Conan O'Brien*, *Good Morning America*, *The Early Show*, and *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.



Jarod Miller, host of *Animal Exploration*

The event will feature a cash bar, including a signature Tift cocktail. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts focusing on locally grown, in-season foods will be prepared by The Gourmet Store. Delectable treats may include, but are not limited to:

- Buffalo chicken, Greek artichoke and cilantro parsley pesto phyllo tarts
- Caprese porto-bocconcini with local tomatoes and fresh mozzarella balls
- Bruschetta, olive spread and hummus on toasted crostini
- Freshly baked dessert bars made with local berries and other ingredients

On the night of the event, attendees may also register for guided evening tours, along with programs about the animals that call the Preserve their home. Ecology & Environment will teach guests about bats using an anabat detector and other sampling equipment to identify these nocturnal creatures. John Grehan, the Buffalo Museum of Science's Director of Science, will present *Insects by Nightlight* to get an up-close look at the insects of the Preserve. Proceeds from these special programs will also benefit the preserve.

Tickets may be purchased at www.sciencebuff.org, at the Tift Gift Shop or the Buffalo Museum of Science admission desk, or by calling (716) 825-6397.

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ABOUT THE BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 700,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. The Museum also operates Tift Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land.

For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit www.sciencebuff.org.