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Railfest 2010 Entertainment Scheduled

Scranton, Pa. – The excitement continues to build for Railfest 2010 at Steamtown National Historic Site in downtown Scranton! This year's event to be held at the site on September 4 and 5 will feature, in addition to numerous train displays, exhibits and programs, local and national entertainers while celebrating "Passenger Rail: Past & Present!"

On Saturday, September 4, Vince Brust Studio dancers will perform on the Turntable Plaza, showcasing their talent while dancing to sounds of "Big Band" music provided by Ron Leas Big Band. Vince Brust Studios' owner, Vince Brust, has taught all forms of dance at his Throop, Pa. studio, as well as at area high schools, colleges and universities, and he and some of his talented group have appeared on WVIA's "Ballroom Dancing" weekly show. Mr. Brust states on his website that, "Dancing is my life-long work and passion, and as long as I can breathe the air and move my limbs, I will continue to teach and be an enthusiastic promoter of dance." The Ron Leas Big Band, led by Clarks Green insurance agent Ron Leas, is a local 8-piece band playing music from the 20's to the 60's.

Ray Owen, a national recording artist, award-winning singer/songwriter and entertainer will present two shows on the Turntable Plaza on Sunday, September 5. In his "Great American Railroad Show," he invites you to hop aboard the "Wabash Cannonball" with Casey Jones for an award-winning performance that includes boxcar ballads, freight train blues and rousing "rattle 'n roll" songs, stories and hobo humor. *The Philadelphia Inquirer* stated that Mr. Owen is "one of America's premiere outdoor fair and festival performers."

Additionally, PennLUG, the Pennsylvania LEGO Users Group, will entertain Railfest attendees both days with an amazing railroad layout built of the famous LEGO building blocks. PennLUG is a dedicated group of hobbyists that seeks to promote their hobby by organizing and participating in conventions, both independently run and sponsored by the LEGO Company. Additional information and photos about PennLUG is available at www.pennlug.com.

Located in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Steamtown is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. From I-81 follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the brown and white signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues. Additional details about Railfest 2010 are available by visiting the Park website at www.nps.gov/stea anytime!

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