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'Elvis' set to rock for BNG Gala Fundraiser!

Hamilton, Bermuda, May 31, 2007 — The King of Rock and Roll will have the crowd “All Shook Up” when he takes to the stage at the Bermuda National Gallery’s “Jailhouse Rock” Gala Fundraiser on June 16.

StingRay Elvis, one of the East Coast’s leading Elvis Presley tribute artists, will be part of what promises to be an exciting night out at The Keep at the Maritime Museum in Dockyard.

‘Elvis’ will be backed by leading New York session band, The Uptown Horns, who have played with everyone from James Brown and Ray Charles to the Rolling Stones and REM. And, as this year marks the 30th anniversary of the King’s death, one of the night’s Silent Auction items is a trip for two to the late singer’s mansion, Graceland in Memphis during Elvis Week in August.

The evening also includes dinner, dancing, and gambling. Grand Raffle prizes include “The Sound of Music” - a 10-day trip, including airfare from New York, to Europe visiting Vienna, Salzburg, Danube Valley, and Innsbruck; and a 7-night Royal Caribbean Cruise. Golf fans will want to get their bids in for another top Silent Auction item: two tickets to the exclusive Trophy Tent at October’s prestigious PGA Grand Slam of Golf event at the Mid Ocean Club. Bermuda’s own popular Tony Bari Trio will play during pre-dinner cocktails.

Organiser and BNG Trustee Kristi Grayston said: “This really is going to be one of Bermuda’s best nights out of the year with great food and great entertainment in an historic and beautiful setting. To make it easier for people to get to, we will be providing a fast ferry leaving from Hamilton at 7 p.m., returning at 11:50pm.”

StingRay has been singing Elvis Tribute Shows in and around New York City for more than a decade. He has performed at the CBS Television Awards and was chosen by CBS to help promote *Elvis*, the mini series. He will also be headlining the Royal Caribbean "Love Me Tender" Cruise on the "Explorer of the Seas" to Bermuda from Bayonne, New Jersey this summer.

Since forming in 1980, the legendary Uptown Horns - Arno Hecht, Crispin Cioe, Bob Funk and Paul Litteral – have amassed recording credits on more than 150 albums, including the late James Brown's Grammy Award winning *Living in America* and the Rolling Stones' live album *Flashpoint*. The current band also includes Bermudian keyboard player Andrew Chamberlain. TV appearances have included the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, Late Night with David Letterman, Saturday Night Live, and The Today Show as well as recordings for movie soundtracks, including the Oscar-winning *When We were Kings*.

Tickets to Jailhouse Rock are \$250 per person, available from the BNG or by contacting membership@bng.bm.

About the Bermuda National Gallery: Opened in 1992 and located in the City Hall & Arts Centre in Hamilton, the Bermuda National Gallery is both the home of Bermuda's national art collection and the centre of the Island's thriving arts scene. It is the Island's leading art museum with a richly diverse exhibition programme of past and present works by local and international artists that reflects Bermuda's varied artistic heritage and multicultural community. The Bermuda National Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Admission free. For more details contact Director Laura Gorham on 441-295-9428, director@bng.bm or visit www.bng.bm.