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PUCKETT'S GROCERY & RESTAURANT ANNOUNCES NEW LOCATION IN DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE

New Restaurant and Music Venue Scheduled to Open in Fall 2010

NASHVILLE, TN (March 24, 2010) – Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant, which has been serving up Southern food and live music for years in Historic Franklin and Leiper's Fork announced the opening of a third location in downtown Nashville in the fall of 2010.

Owner Andy Marshall made the official announcement today at the new location, which is at the corner of 5th Street and Church Street in Nashville. The space is located in St. Cloud Corner and is approximately 3200 sq. ft. Over the next six months, Marshall plans to put around \$700,000 towards expanding the space into a 5200 sq. ft. restaurant and music venue.

"We will work hard to renovate the building in a way that represents the feel of the area," said Marshall. "St. Cloud Corner already has great character, and Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant is a natural fit. We plan to stay true to the culture that Puckett's has become known for. It is a local community restaurant with real people serving freshly made Southern cuisine."

Marshall's daughter, Claire, who has been working with her father since she was young, will be taking on the role of manager at the new store. "When we started considering a Nashville location, I knew immediately that I wanted to be a part of it," she says. "I was born and raised in Nashville and absolutely love my city, and I think my family's restaurant will be a great addition to an already thriving and growing downtown center. I can't wait to become a part of such an exciting community."

With plans to develop the space as a new entertainment venue for Nashville musicians, the new location will seat 182, which is considerably larger than the Franklin venue which seats 110. "We feature some of Nashville's best songwriters and musicians in a casual listening atmosphere that pleases the performer as well as the guests. We look forward to serving the downtown Nashville community in the same manner as we have the Leiper's Fork and Franklin area for over twelve years. Our family takes great pleasure in caring for our customers."

Marshall said he's considered a downtown location for some time, but now believes it's a perfect time to expand considering the residential growth in this part of the city. The Nashville Downtown Partnership, which has worked closely with Marshall during the process, estimates downtown residents will increase 3 percent this year to more than 5,700 people.

"As we researched locations to expand Puckett's, downtown Nashville constantly came to the forefront," said Marshall. Being raised in the area, it is wonderful to see how there is a new vibrant sense of community here. The Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Nashville Downtown Partnership were a great influence in our decision. With the groundwork they have laid, along with the strong efforts from the Mayor's office, this area is quickly becoming a premier spot to

visit, work and live. We are honored to be a small part of this lively neighborhood.”

The new restaurant will be similar to the Franklin location, open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. daily and closing as late as 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information please visit www.puckettsgrocery.com

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ABOUT PUCKETT'S GROCERY & RESTAURANT

Founded by the Puckett family in the 1950s, Puckett's has served as a country store to several communities in Williamson County. Andy Marshall bought the Leiper's Fork Puckett's Grocery in 1998. In 2002, Puckett's branched out to start a formal dinner and music program. With all of the talented writers in and around town, the Friday night writers' show grew fast with people coming from all over to hear some of the finest that the industry has to offer in a cool, eclectic environment. Shortly after that, another opportunity opened up to expand Puckett's to Marshall's hometown and first love for community, in Historic Downtown Franklin. In February 2010, Puckett's added to their already hefty list of accolades. *Southern Exposure Magazine* awarded eight Sizzle Awards to Puckett's including Williamson county's best burger, best meat and three, best staff and servers, best caterer, best value, and best live music.

Rob Robinson and his family now own the Leiper's Fork location, while the Marshall family plans to expand into the Downtown Nashville community, set to open in the fall of 2010.