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GSHF BIG DANCE RETURNS TO MACON COLISEUM ON FEBRUARY 11TH
The Swingin' Medallions and The Grapevine to Provide Entertainment

MACON, GA – The Georgia Sports Hall of Fame is celebrating Valentine's Day with the annual Big Dance at the Macon Coliseum. The event, presented by BB&T, begins at 6:00 PM on Saturday, February 11, and proceeds will benefit the GSHF Foundation. Entertainment will be provided by two of the Southeast's most popular party bands – The Swingin' Medallions and The Grapevine.

The Swingin' Medallions have been based out of the Greenwood, South Carolina area since the early 1960's. Their musical roots came from listening to early rhythm and blues acts. After a few years of touring colleges from the Carolinas to the Louisiana Bayou, John McElrath took the group to Arthur Smith's Studio in Charlotte, North Carolina to record "Double Shot (of My Baby's Love)". The song became a million seller in 1966 and has been a party classic for decades.

The members of the Swingin' Medallions have changed over the past thirty years, with John McElrath being the leader and only original member to be performing today. The personnel of the band has always included around eight members with at least a four piece horn section. The high-energy, party-style stage performance of the first Medallions has been passed down to the band that performs today.

Since 1987, The Grapevine has electrified audiences across Georgia, becoming one of the most popular party bands for corporate events, conventions, wedding receptions and other special events. In 2000, The Grapevine received the prestigious Band of the Year, awarded by the Atlanta Society of Entertainers. Based in Macon, Georgia, but entertaining crowds across Georgia and the southeast, The Grapevine is the total party experience.

Tickets to the GSHF Big Dance are \$25 each or \$200 for a table of eight and can be purchased by calling the Hall of Fame at 478.752.1585 ext. 120. Ticket order forms can also be downloaded at www.gshf.org.

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