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ANDY RODDICK AND SERENA WILLIAMS ARE COMING TO COLUMBIA *Tennis icons team up for Newberry College presents Rock-n-Racquets* *benefiting The Andy Roddick Foundation*

Columbia, SC October 17, 2008 - Get Ready to Rock! **Andy Roddick (Current world #6)** and 2008 US Open Champion **Serena Williams (Nine Grand Slam Titles)** will team up on-court together in **Rock-n-Racquets** to be held at the Colonial Life Arena, home of the Gamecocks, on **Saturday, December 13, 2008, 7PM**. America's #1 players will be joined by up and coming American star **John Isner (6'9")** and the WTA Tour's newest sensation **Caroline Wozniacki**, currently ranked #12 in the world rankings.

Benefiting The Andy Roddick Foundation, **Rock-n-Racquets** has been designed as an annual tennis exhibition like no other. The event features the world's most exciting tennis players with a musical component woven throughout the evening's line-up. The synergy of athleticism and music capitalizes on providing fans with the ultimate sports/entertainment experience.

Tickets will go on sale **Friday, October 24th 2008 at 10 am EST** and will be priced from **\$17 to \$87** with a special offer of just \$12 for students and kids 12 and under in designated sections. Military, senior citizen, group discounts will also be available.

Rock-n-Racquets successfully debuted in 2002 in Miami, FL and was followed by great exhibitions in Little Rock, AR, Mobile, AL, Boise, ID, Wichita, KS and Omaha, NE. Now, thanks to **Newberry College** who has committed to be the event's primary sponsor, this tennis extravaganza comes to South Carolina. In addition, other contributing sponsors whose commitment has made this event possible include the **Colonial Life Arena, Piggly Wiggly, South Carolina Pork Board-The Other White Meat, WIS10, Hilton Columbia Center hotel, Rums of Puerto Rico, Babolat** and the **USTA Southern Section**.

"From the start, I wanted an event that showcased my passion for tennis, music and The Andy Roddick Foundation so we created Rock-n-Racquets," said Roddick. "And thanks to Newberry College, it is especially exciting for me to be able to bring the event to South Carolina where the tennis community and participation throughout the state is so strong."

"Rock-n-Racquets is an incredibly unique event and I am really excited to be a part of it," said Williams. "Andy and I are close friends so I look forward to playing with him and giving the fans in South Carolina an evening of great entertainment."

"Newberry College is pleased to bring world-class champions Andy Roddick, Serena Williams and others to our community to perform at this exciting family event," said Chuck Wendt, Vice President, Institutional Advancement.

“The Colonial Life Arena is a one-of-a-kind facility known for hosting one-of-a-kind events,” said Tom Paquette, Global Spectrums General Manager for Colonial Life Arena. “We are extremely excited to be hosting these elite athletes for what will surely be one of the best events for South Carolina in 2008. The Arena configuration is ideal for tennis offering seats extremely close to the action.”

Showcasing the best in men’s and women’s professional tennis, the format for the evening consists of three components:

- **Men’s and Women’s Singles-** Roddick will take on Isner and Serena will take on Caroline as the present takes on the future of tennis.
- **Mixed Doubles** – A Newberry College presents Rock-n-Racquets exclusive - Roddick and Serena will team up against Isner and Caroline to compete in a mixed doubles match.
- The evening will be complemented by music and an atmosphere of high-energy and fun unlike any tennis event seen before. **Justin Gimelstob**, dubbed to be one of the most entertaining players on the ATP Tour during his playing days, serves as the event emcee and will entertain the crowd through fan interactive activities

Doors will open at 6PM at the Colonial Life Arena with play scheduled to start at 7PM (*Format and order of play subject to change*)

Don’t miss your chance to see Andy, Serena and more. This event has sold out the last four years so plan now to buy your tickets Friday, October 24th! Tickets will be available at the Colonial Life Arena Box Office, online at www.coloniallifearena.com, or charge by phone at (866) 4SC-TIXX (472.8499). *All tickets subject to applicable service charges. Dates and times subject to change without notice.*

For additional information, please visit www.rocknracquets.com.

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