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Girlstock Art and Music Benefit

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**Grassroots Philanthropy Thrives Organically this October as Oakland's City Slicker Farms
Receives Financial Fertilization via the Eighth Annual Girlstock Art and Music Benefit**

Oakland, California *September 27, 2011* Founded in 2002, the Girlstock Art and Music Benefit is an all volunteer driven giving back event aimed at supporting non-profit agencies that are making a difference. To date, over one hundred artists and musicians have banded together with businesses and volunteers to assist homeless youth, the Hurricane Katrina survivors, and people living with AIDS and cancer to the tune of several thousand dollars. This year, West Oakland's *City Slicker Farms* will be the recipient of funds generated in connection to two days of fundraising events, both happening in the thriving downtown Oakland arts district on Thursday, October 6th, and Friday, October 7th.

Day One: Live Music! Thursday, October 6, 2011, 6:30 p.m. to 12 midnight. What? An all girl tribute band for The Ramones? Yes! And a foot stompin' firecracker of a good time classic country western band with a side of gritty folk and swampy blues, all finished off with a dash of feminine wiles? That's right! Plus how much do you love a well-delivered classic rock show infused with modern riffs and executed with technical deliciousness all around? Well, come and get it all at Oakland's historic Stork Club, Thursday, October 6th, doors at 6:30 p.m. Get connected with rockin' singer songwriter and peace activist Jolie (7:20 p.m.). Come and get delighted by The Hormones who promise to deliver a hard-driving 45-minute set of covers by The Ramones! (8pm). Two-step and wiggle to the country, blues (and thorny) stylings of The Muddy Roses! (9pm). Rock out in a PJ Harvey-esque way with San Francisco's Amalgamation! (10pm). Finish off an evening of fun and excellent music with newcomer magic rock duo Buck Wilde (11pm). And enjoy spoken word poetry by Oakland Diva poetess, Nazelah Jeffries! All of these fabulous performers are coming together to help

support *City Slicker Farms*, a local non-profit dedicated to teaching the art of growing organic produce to the community.

Day Two: Live! Affordable! Art Auction! Friday, October 7, 2011, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Join us again on Friday, October 7th where all are welcome to multitask their way over to Mama Buzz Café and Gallery, one of the founding businesses of Oakland's Art Murmur First Friday walk, to participate in our annual *Live! Affordable! Art Auction!* (Art preview from 6pm-8pm; live art auction from 8pm-9pm). Enjoy the First Friday *Oakland Art Murmur Art* walk where throngs of food and art lovers descend each month into the downtown Oakland arts district to partake of delicious local art and food. And then please stop by Mama Buzz Gallery from 8pm to 9pm to do some early holiday gift shopping. You will be able to buy the artwork of several super hot and outstanding local artists which has been generously donated by Marsha Balian, Shelli Renee Joye, Amelia Lewis, Family Oakland, Athea Merredyth, Margo Rivera Weiss, CB Smith Dahl, Maei Thomas and Trix Wiley! 100% of the sale of the proceeds from all of the artwork will go directly to *City Slicker Farms*. Donate directly to *City Slickers Farms* and make it a tax deductible purchase. Wow!

About City Slicker Farms: Since 2001, *City Slicker Farms* has been partnering with the West Oakland community to grow and distribute thousands of pounds of its own fresh produce. The mission of *City Slicker Farms* is to empower West Oakland community members to meet the immediate and basic need for healthy organic food for themselves and their families by creating high-yield urban farms and backyard gardens.

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