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DANCE, BABY, DANCE! AT REGATTABAR KIDS MUSIC SERIES

*Second Annual Event Returns to The Charles Hotel and Kids Won't Want to Miss Free Ice Cream Sandwiches
at Henrietta's Table*

Cambridge, MA – June 20, 2008: Parents, get your dancing shoes on, as your kids won't be the only ones feeling the beat at the **Regattabar's** popular **Kids Summer Music Series** this summer. The second annual series returns with Grammy winning **Bill Harley**, who will kick off the series on **Sunday, July 20**. Shows will continue for the next **three consecutive Sundays** featuring **Laughing Pizza, Debbie and Friends** and **Michael and Marissa**.

After the show, families can enjoy Supper in **Henrietta's Table**, which adds to the fun by offering kids a **free ice cream sandwich topped with a chocolate music note**. Supper highlights include Maine Rock Crab Cakes with Grilled Asparagus and House-made Tarter Sauce, Niman Ranch Grilled Smoked Pork Chop with Spiced Roasted Apples and Apple Brandy Reduction Sauce, and Seared King Salmon, Grilled Red Onion Stone Fruit Vinaigrette.

All shows will start at **4:30 p.m.**, with **preshow activities** that start at **4 p.m.**, in the Regattabar. Doors will open one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$10 in advance (6 months and under free) and \$12 at the door on the day of the show. Tickets can be purchased online at www.regattabarjazz.com.

Sunday, July 20 – 4 p.m.

BILL HARLEY

A Grammy award winning artist, Bill uses song and story to paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling and family life. A prolific author and recording artist, Bill is also a regular commentator for NPR's "All Things Considered" and featured on PBS. He joined the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence in 2001 and tours nationwide as an author and performing artist.

Sunday, July 27 – 4 p.m.

LAUGHING PIZZA

Their critically acclaimed music and videos are bringing fun and sharing to kids and parents alike! With their hip, retro aesthetic, and an attractive and healthy lifestyle message, Laughing Pizza answers a marketplace demand for relevant kid-oriented programming. The trio's recorded music and videos have earned six consecutive awards from the Parents' Choice Foundation, the nations' oldest evaluator of children's products, as well as three awards from i-Parenting, the largest parenting network online. They have been on NBC's Today Show; have performed all over the country at events, schools, theaters, and at the White House twice; have been featured in publications such as Money, Nick Jr. Magazine, The New York Times, The School Library Journal; and appeared on CNN, CNN Money, CBS Showbuzz, Fox Morning Atlanta and PBS.

Sunday, August 3 – 4 p.m.

DEBBIE AND FRIENDS

Debbie has been making music with kids for over 20 years, first as a classroom music teacher and most recently as a children's recording artist, writing and performing children's music with kids and their families. She studied music and music education at Berklee College of Music, where she is now the dean of continuing education. Debbie's songs are engaging, interactive, fun, and educational. Her family concerts and school performances include lots of singing and dancing for children, parents, and teachers alike.

Sunday, August 10 – 4p.m.

MICHAEL AND MARISA

A lifelong brother and sisterly love for music caused **Michael and Marisa** to combine their rockin' energy and start performing in public together when they were only 7 and 8 years old. With Michael on vocals and electric guitar, and Marisa on vocals and drums, their harmonizing produces a unique blend of classic rock, pop and easy

listening music. Crowd favorites include songs by artists such as The Beatles, The Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, Pearl Jam, The Eagles, Tom Petty, Bon Jovi, as well as songs by newer artists like Avril Lavigne, Drake Bell, and selections from the Disney hit movie High School Musical.

Partners of the Regattabar Kids Summer Music Series are **Zoo New England, The Boston Parents Paper, New England Revolutions** and **The Harvard Square Business Association**. For more information about the series or to purchase tickets for a show, visit www.regattabarjazz.com.

About The Charles Hotel

The Charles Hotel, Harvard Square is an independent luxury hotel and a member of Preferred Hotels and Resorts. The AAA Four-Diamond award-winner may be the only hotel in the world to welcome Noble Laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, Academy Award winners, jazz greats and New England farmers. In 2005, The Charles was named “Best Hotel, General Excellence” by *Boston* magazine.

Reflecting the eclecticism that is Cambridge, The Charles Hotel is a modern interpretation of New England hospitality with a thriving jazz club, the Regattabar, two signature restaurants, ice-skating rink (winter months only), state of the art conference facilities and a central location in the heart of Harvard Square. The hotel is home to Henrietta’s Table, featuring “fresh and honest to goodness home cooking,” and recently named one of “Americas Best Farm to Table Restaurants” by *Gourmet* and Rialto, one of the best restaurants in America [*Gourmet, Food & Wine, Esquire*, et. al.] Noir, the hotel’s lounge, is on the first level of The Charles Hotel. Designed by Peter Niemitz to reflect the decadent atmosphere of 1940s nightlife, Noir’s drink menu features a mix of classic cocktails and a bar menu perfect for late night or afternoon dining.

The hotel also boasts an adjacent urban spa, Le Pli and the Wellbridge Athletic Club with swimming pool. Special in-room amenities include the high-tech Bose Wave® radios, Séura in-mirror televisions and cordless phones, as well as two-line speakerphones with voice mail, PC and fax modem capabilities and DVD players.

Catering to internationally renowned business leaders, government officials, entertainment executives and leisure travelers alike, it’s no wonder that the *New England Travel Guide* has designated The Charles as the best hotel to “stay put in” when visiting Boston.

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