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**SEDONA ROUGE HOTEL & SPA CELEBRATES ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY WITH A
GALA FEATURING BROADWAY & OPERA STAR, DENNIS MCNEIL**

A Benefit for the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Arizona

SEDONA, AZ.-- "We are delighted to announce that our third anniversary gala will benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona," Ed Conway general manager of the Sedona Rouge said. "As part of our sponsorship to this worthy cause, we are excited to host the entertainment by Dennis McNeil, always an audience favorite." The Summer Dreams Gala will be on Saturday, May 31, 2008, from 6:30 to 10 pm., in the Andalusia Room at the Sedona Rouge Hotel & Spa. The event will include excellent cuisine prepared by Sedona Rouge's Executive Chef Ron Molar, fine wines donated by Page Springs Vineyards & Cellars and entertainment by the acclaimed tenor, Dennis McNeil.

Highly charismatic performer Dennis McNeil is well known for his versatility as a performer. From Town Halls to Lincoln Center, from United States Presidents to the Grateful Dead, Dennis has done it all! Dennis McNeil was National Winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. As a leading tenor at the New York City Opera, he was awarded the Richard F. Gold Career Award for his portrayal as 'Mark' in their New York Stage Premiere of Michael Tippett's A Midsummer Marriage. He also holds first place awards from the Southern California Opera Guild and the Victor Fuchs Memorial Competition and is a recipient of the Emily Baratelli Memorial Award from the New York Opera Index. He is a Sullivan Grant Recipient as well as a recipient of a Rex Foundation Grant from the Grateful Dead. More about Dennis McNeil may be found at www.dennismcneil.com.

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The Sedona Rouge received AAA's Four Diamond Award soon after celebrating its first anniversary and has been praised by *Travel & Leisure*, *Condé Nast Johansens*, *Sunset*, *Arizona Bride*, *Metropolitan Home*, *American Spa*, *Northwest Women*, *Smart Meetings*, *Arizona Republic*, *LA Times*, *Seattle Times*, *Good Morning America*, *Good Morning Arizona*, *Arizona Highways*, and *Travel A La Mode*.

The benefactor of this event, The Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona, inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. They provide a safe place to learn and grow, create ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals and provide life-enhancing programs and character development experiences. They provide hope and opportunity. "We are sincerely indebted once again for the generous, inspiring, and ongoing support of our kids by the Sedona Rouge," Todd Bale, executive director of The Boys and Girls said. "Beyond the innumerable other acts of kindness and community investment they do for many others, we are thankful that year in and year out we can depend on them to rise to the occasion for our kids and families when we call on them. Sedona is truly fortunate to have such an active, committed, generous and involved business in the community."

Tickets are \$250 per person, and include admission to Sedona Taste on Sunday, June 8, from 4 to 8 pm. To purchase a ticket call the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona at, 928-282-0122 or visit, www.apositiveplace.org.

Sedona Rouge Hotel and Spa is located at 2250 West Highway 89A in Sedona, Arizona. For more information about the Sedona Rouge Hotel & Spa, call 928-203-4111 or visit www.sedonarouge.com.

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