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Acoustic Alchemy Brings Bewitching Smooth Jazz Synergy to the High Point Theatre

Grammy-nominated British ensemble to appear on Saturday, October 9

High Point, N.C., September 17, 2010 –Derived from a range of musical elements, from classical and calypso to a laid-back pop-soul, the supple, sophisticated sound of Acoustic Alchemy has been transforming the structure of smooth jazz for more than 20 years. Led by two masterful guitarists, Greg Carmichael and Miles Gilderdale, the group’s worldwide popularity has grown in concert with the rise of adult contemporary radio, making their appearances much anticipated by jazz fans around the globe. On Saturday, October 9, at 8:00 p.m., they bring their beautifully blended tones and uniquely distinctive vibe to Triad area audiences, only at the High Point Theatre.

The group’s first album, *Red Dust and Spanish Lace*, released in 1987, immediately established it as a powerhouse force in contemporary jazz. Subsequent releases, *Natural Elements*, in 1988 and *Blue Chip*, in 1989, showed this to be an innovative ensemble, continuously evolving as they explored new influences and avenues. Perhaps their most remarkable recording, 1996’s *Arcanum*, was created live in-studio, in a set of sessions that were the subject of the popular British TV documentary, *Best Kept Secret*. After the passing of founding member and guitar front man Nick Webb, in 1998, the band regrouped by bringing then-understudy Greg Carmichael to the fore. Fully revitalized by this exceptionally talented musician, they earned a Grammy nomination in 2001 for their 12th album, *AArt*, and have continued to develop their craft while expanding their art in four recent releases, *Sounds of St. Lucia: Live*, *Radio Contact*, *American/English* and *This Way*.

“We’re excited to open our season of Eclectricity with Acoustic Alchemy, a group that pioneered and continues to redefine the smooth jazz genre,” says Louisa Hart, Executive Director of the High Point Theatre. “Our intimate atmosphere, excellent acoustics and convenient location make the High Point Theatre the perfect venue to experience these world-class instrumental virtuosos.” Tickets are \$30 orchestra, \$25 balcony, available through www.highpointtheatre.com or at the box office.

About High Point Theatre

Owned and operated by the City of High Point, the High Point Theatre is conveniently located at the corner of Commerce and Hamilton Streets in High Point. The Theatre features an elegant 965-seat auditorium with continental style seating and three exhibition galleries for meetings, display, or receptions.

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