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GOOD GIRLS GO TO HEAVEN, DERBY GIRLS GO TO VEGAS SIN CITY TO HOST NATION'S 1ST ALL-GIRL ROLLER DERBY CONVENTION

New York, NY – August 10, 2005 – Roller Derby girls will descend on Las Vegas for **Roller-Con**, the nation's first all-girl Roller Derby convention, staged August 26-28, 2005. Over 250 skaters from 36 cities – representing 40+ flat and banked track leagues – are expected to attend this historic event, accompanied by fans, friends, supporters and stalkers from all over the country.

Today's Roller Derby skaters are equal parts athlete, pin-up girl, and old-school rink rat, dedicated to reviving the action and excitement of classic Roller Derby, and added a mischievous, punk rock flair. Gone are the co-ed teams, in favor of girl-on-girl action. Traditional penalties have been replaced with wild consequences, including spankings, spontaneous karaoke and full-contact musical chairs. But the action is all real – these skaters are athletes kicking butt in *real* competition and producing *real* champions.

Inspired by the needs of an ever-expanding community of Derby Girls, **Roller-Con** is a face-to-face celebration of the all-girl Roller Derby renaissance, and is sure to include trashed hotel rooms, local liquor shortages, debauchery, rioting, tattooing and assorted mayhem. It is a chance for the women to kick off their skates and fraternize off the track – Vegas style.

The three day weekend is slated to kick off with a private banquet at the Tuscany Casino & Hotel with special guests Loretta "Little Iodine" Behrens and Georgia Hase, legendary skaters from roller derby's heyday. Other scheduled highlights include: informal scrimages, an interleague water fight, a tour of local skate parks, league merchandise swap meet, group tattooing sessions, a scavenger hunt sponsored by Pabst Blue Ribbon and more.

Over 30 bands from all across the country will provide the weekend's soundtrack, with free nightly shows at the Double Down Saloon (4640 Paradise Road). The current music schedule is as follows:

10:00pm	Los Angeles, CA
10:45pm	Phoenix, AZ
11:30pm	Philadelphia, PA
12:15am	Tucson, AZ
1:00am	Oakland, CA
1:45am	San Francisco, CA
2:30am	Los Angeles, CA
3:15am	Oakland, CA
4:00am	Oakland, CA
4:45am	Heaven
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Saturday, August 27

The Condors	10:45pm	Los Angeles, CA
Toothless George & His One-Man Band	11:30pm	Philadelphia, PA
The Okmoniks	12:15am	Tucson, AZ
The Malamondos	1:00am	Greensboro, NC
The Guilty Hearts	1:45am	Los Angeles, CA
The Shemps	2:30am	New York, NY
The Dissimilars	3:15am	San Diego, CA
Radio Reelers	4:00am	San Francisco, CA
The Knockout Pills	4:45am	Tucson, AZ
Sunday, Aug 28- 2pm Winelord Chilidog Crawford MocMoc Toothless George & His One-Man Band Go Like Hell The Loud Pipes Absent Minded The BackdoorBreaker-Inners	2:00pm 2:45pm 3:30pm 4:15pm 5:00pm 5:45pm 6:30pm 7:15pm	Tucson, AZ Kansas City, MO Seattle, WA Philadelphia, PA Seattle, WA Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas, NV

About Roller Derby:

Derby dames have been making headlines around the world with features in *The New York Times* ("Tough Girls Roll in the Bronx", May 15, 2005), *The Wall Street Journal* ("All-Female Roller Derby Packs A Punch With Hockey Fans" April 29, 2005), *Reuters* ("NY Women Get Tough with Roller Derby Revival", November 24, 2004), *Spin Magazine* ("Hellions on Wheels," August '04), *Associated Press* ("Racy Roller Skating Making a Comeback", July 14th, 2004), *Paper*, ("GRRLS GONE WILD" July, 2004), *Playboy* ("Best Hottie Wheels", October 2003), *ElleGirl* ("Badass of the Month", February 2005), and upcoming features in magazines such as *Bust Magazine*, *Marie Claire* and more. Additionally, the all-girl derby movement has been featured on CNN's *Paula Zahn NOW*, CBS News, ESPN, The YES Network, NBC News, ABC News, BBC4, Fox News, WNBC, FOX News Channel, Comedy Central, and is the center of a forthcoming reality series on A&E.

For more information about **2005 Roller-Con** or the new all-girl sport of Roller Derby, or to schedule interviews with convention organizers, please e-mail <u>gingersnap@gothamgirlsrollerderby.com</u> or visit the **Roller-Con** web site: <u>www.rollercon.com</u>.

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