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**ANOTHER TRY AT A
KAZOO RECORD-BREAKER!**

**WORLD-RENOWNED KAZOOIST
TO CERTIFY RESULTS!**

**GUINNESS MAY HAVE TO
REWRITE THE BOOK!**

MACON, GEORGIA...The world's foremost kazooist---**Barbara Stewart**---will be on hand here at the Georgia State Fair to determine if the local community can set a new record for **the largest kazoo band in the world!** Back in the 1840's Macon was the birthplace of the kazoo---and therefore it should be one "Hmmm-dinger" of an evening.

Ms. Stewart, who literally has written the book on kazooing – "The Complete How To Kazoo" (2006 Workman Publishing, New York) – will be in attendance at the historic Luther Williams Field in Macon Central City Park at 7:30PM on September 27th. She'll serve as an official witness for the Guinness Book of Records to certify the numbers of kazooists playing their instruments that evening. Fair officials are beating the attendance bushes to make sure enough fair-goers turn out to top the current record---unofficially set just this month in the town of Matthews, outside Charlotte, North Carolina.

Though most Americans may not be aware, the "largest kazoo band" competition has been fierce over the past three years. In 2004 folks in Quincy, Illinois brought out 1791 players to hum their way into the record book. But, last New Year's Eve, organizers in Rochester, New York claimed a record of 2679 kazooists. On August 2nd, at a concert in the famous Harlem community of Manhattan, Barbara Stewart was on hand as a Rhythm and Blues group called The Ladies of SKYY tried, but failed, to top Rochester.

However, on August 31st, in the small town of Matthews, North Carolina, next to Charlotte, those who ran the "Matthews Alive" festival reported that they'd finally topped Rochester with a number that climbed above 2700 kazooists. And so,

if Guinness confirms the latest record, the folks at the Georgia State Fair have their work cut out for them. It will be a question of historic honor.

The brave people of Macon will sign in and then receive their personal kazoos---all part of the Guinness rules. Before they help hmmm the official song---hometown hero Otis Redding's "Dock of the Bay"---Barbara will conduct a kazoo lesson, so that she can tell the Guinness people that the audience is indeed "proficient on the kazoo". The lesson will take about 60 seconds.

Then Barbara, and one or two well-known officials, will serve as "authenticators" to watch as organizers double check the final tally. The results must go to the Guinness headquarters in London, but we may well know beforehand if the North Carolina record of more than 2700 kazooists has been broken. The suspense will be nerve-wracking---but Macon folks are tough. They may get support from the local baseball team---the Macon Music---whose mascot is: a kazoo!

Barbara Stewart, the author of "The Complete How To Kazoo", has a long list of college degrees after her name---from Cornell, Dartmouth, Columbia and the Yale School of Drama. But it was a Diploma in Flute with Honors at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York which led her to become an expert on the Kazoo. There were many flutists, but the kazoo field was wide open.

Barbara has appeared at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. She's been on TV's "Tonight Show", "Late Night with Conan O'Brien", "Fox and Friends" and "The Martha Stewart Show". She has performed with artists Frank Zappa, the Boston Pops' Arthur Fiedler, and PDQ Bach. And she is the leader (more appropriately titled "Kazoo Keeper") of her own ensemble---"Kazoophony"---a classical kazoo quartet dubbed the largest quartet in the world---6 people. (See her web site: www.howtokazoo.com also the fair web site at www.georgiastatefair.org)

So the stage is set for an historic battle of the kazoo bands. Foremost kazooist Barbara Stewart will be in Macon, Georgia at the State Fair on September 27th to see whether kazoo history will indeed be made.

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