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ACCLAIMED LUTHIER JAY LICHTY TO SHOW HIS HANDCRAFTED GUITARS AND UKULELES AT THE REAL ESTATE STUDIO

CHARLESTON SC- APRIL 26, 2010 – The Real Estate Studio of Dunes Properties announced today that they will host an afternoon with North Carolina luthier Jay Lichty where he will present a selection of his handcrafted guitars and ukuleles. Folks are invited to drop by the Studio on May 12 to meet Jay, pick up and play the instruments, and find out more about the process of handcrafting these one of a kind instruments from the luthier himself.

There is not a fraction of an inch of a Lichty instrument that has not been cut, assembled and scrupulously examined by Jay Lichty. He even hand selects each piece of wood for its esthetic beauty, strength, integrity and tonal quality. Jay has handcrafted guitars for a variety of talented and discerning musicians. Solo artist and band member of Fountains of Wayne, Jody Porter recently purchased a handmade Lichty Acoustic guitar to take on his next tour. Acclaimed Charleston musician Jonathon Gray recently commissioned a Hormigo Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar that will be on display at the May 12 event. Also on exhibit will be a Cocobolo and Redwood Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar that is “under construction” for country artist Tim Gossin, a member of the band Gloriana.

“I love every step of building an instrument, from choosing the best wood, to hand carving the inside bracing, to stringing them up. When I play those first few notes, or better yet, hear someone else play those first few notes and see the smile on their face, well now – that’s my favorite part!” – Jay Lichty

Jay will be at The Real Estate Studio at 214 King Street on May 12, 2010 from 2:00- 6:30 pm to showcase his instruments. The event is free and all interested musicians and collectors are invited to stop by to meet the luthier and play one his beautiful guitars. For more information visit <http://www.lichtyguitars.com>

About The Real Estate Studio

The Real Estate Studio is the downtown office of Dunes Properties, a boutique real estate, vacation rental and property management company serving the Charleston area since 1989. The Real Estate Studio, located at 214 King Street, supports Charleston’s thriving art community by highlighting a new artist or organization every six weeks. The Studio routinely hosts special events and receptions for area non-profits and artists. For more information contact Traci Magnus at 843.722.5618 or tmagnus@dunesproperties.com

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