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**THE 2011 BEASTLY FEAST TO BENEFIT ZOO ATLANTA**  
*Atlanta's most anticipated social event returns on May 14*

**ATLANTA – May 10, 2011** – The Southeast's most successful black-tie gala returns on Saturday, May 14, with *FangDango*, the 2011 Beastly Feast to benefit Zoo Atlanta. Ford Motor Company Fund serves as Presenting Sponsor, highlighting a record of long-term support of Zoo Atlanta's animals, mission and programs. The event will be co-chaired by Mark and Christy Roberts. 11Alive's Karyn Greer and Chesley McNeil will serve as program emcees.

Sophisticated elegance and unique atmosphere have earned the signature fundraiser a reputation as one of the city's most talked-about events, annually raising more than \$1 million for 13 consecutive years. The evening begins with a twilight stroll through the Zoo featuring cocktails and fine hors d'oeuvres from Cornbread & Caviar; Chef Ashley, Inc.; Culinary Sol; Dantanna's; Imperial Fez; Lime Taqueria and Tequila Bar; Lunch Boxes to Go; Parker's on Ponce; Rathbun's; The Shed at Glenwood; Sweet Georgia's Juke Joint; Spice Market, W Midtown; Soho; Straits Atlanta Restaurant; and SweetWater Brewing Company.

A three-course catered dinner will be provided by Proof of the Pudding and served inside the Ford Pavilion, which will be elegantly appointed by Tony Brewer and Company. The evening will continue with a seated dinner, dancing and spectacular live and silent auctions. Ticket and table sales and auction proceeds provide critical support for programs that position Zoo Atlanta as a leader in conservation, formal and informal education and superior stewardship from around the world.

Advance reservations are required. Call 404.624.5836 for reservations or to inquire about tickets and tables.

**About Zoo Atlanta**

An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters with more than 1,000 animals from around the world. Complex Carnivores, a new series of exhibits featuring bush dogs, fossa and binturong, opened on April 1. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home: Lun Lun's newest cub, Po, born November 3, 2010, made his public debut in spring 2011. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of western lowland gorillas, the nation's largest zoological collection of orangutans and a global center of excellence for the care and study of vanishing reptiles and amphibians.

The Zoo is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org).

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