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## LOS ANGELES SPARKS ANNOUNCE 2010 SCHEDULE

*Open at STAPLES Center on May 28 vs. Washington Mystics*

**LOS ANGELES** – The Los Angeles Sparks will tip off the 2010 WNBA season on May 15th against the defending WNBA Champion Phoenix Mercury at US Airways Center in Phoenix. Opening Day marks the third consecutive season the Sparks will open against the previous year's champion. The Sparks will return home to open at STAPLES Center against the Washington Mystics on Friday, May 28th at 7:30pm. The 2010 schedule features a host of nationally televised games and nine weekend games.

"We are very excited for the start of the 2010 WNBA season," said Sparks President Kristin Bernert. "We have an outstanding new coach and a great schedule that includes six nationally televised games. I know that the best fans in the WNBA, our MVPs, are as eager as we are to see our team back on the floor."

2010 will mark the 14th season for the Sparks, who will play on national television six times on ESPN2. Highlighting the Sparks' national television coverage is the season opener against the defending Champion Mercury and two match-ups with the 2009 Eastern Conference Champion Indiana Fever on July 22nd in Indiana and on August 10th in Los Angeles. The Sparks will announce a local television schedule in conjunction with PRIME TICKET at a later date.

Downtown Los Angeles will be sparkling with excitement on weekends at STAPLES Center this season as nine of the 17 regular season Sparks home games will be played on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The Sparks will also hold their 11th annual Camp Day on July 20 at noon against the newly formed Tulsa franchise in their first visit to Los Angeles.

Sparks season tickets, group packages and holiday gift packages are on sale now. For more information on how to purchase Sparks tickets, call 877-44-SPARKS.

### 2010 SPARKS SCHEDULE

	DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
<b>MAY</b>				
	Sat. 15	at	Phoenix	11:00 am
	Sun. 16	at	Seattle	6:00 pm
	Sat. 22	at	San Antonio	7:00 pm
	<b>Fri. 28</b>		<b>Washington</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>

	<b>Sun. 30</b>		<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>JUNE</b>				
	Fri. 4	at	Phoenix	7:00 pm
	<b>Sat. 5</b>		<b>Seattle</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	<b>Tue. 8</b>		<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	Fri. 11	at	Seattle	7:00 pm
	<b>Sun. 13</b>		<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	<b>Fri. 18</b>		<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	Thu. 24	at	Washington	7:00 pm
	Sun. 27	at	Atlanta	3:00 pm
	<b>Tue. 29</b>		<b>New York</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>JULY</b>				
	<b>Thu. 1</b>		<b>San Antonio</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Sat. 3</b>		<b>Seattle</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
	<b>Tue. 6</b>		<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	Tue. 13	at	Tulsa	6:00 pm
	Fri. 16	at	Chicago	7:30 pm
	Sun. 18	at	San Antonio	2:00 pm
	<b>Tue. 20</b>		<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>
	Thu. 22	at	Indiana	7:00 pm
	Sat. 24	at	Connecticut	7:00 pm
	Tue. 27	at	Minnesota	7:00 pm
	Fri. 30	at	New York	7:30 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>				
	<b>Wed. 4</b>		<b>Chicago</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Fri. 6</b>		<b>Tulsa</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Sun. 8</b>		<b>San Antonio</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
	<b>Tue. 10</b>		<b>Indiana</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	Thu. 12	at	Minnesota	7:00 pm
	Sat. 14	at	Tulsa	7:00 pm
	<b>Tue. 17</b>		<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Fri. 20</b>		<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
	Sat. 21	at	Seattle	7:00 pm
<b>* Home games in purple</b>				
<p>About the Los Angeles Sparks  The Los Angeles Sparks are entering their 14th season in the Women's National Basketball Association. The Sparks are one of the five original teams still operating in the WNBA. In December 2006, the Sparks were purchased by a group of investors, led by Carla Christofferson and Kathy Goodman and they are one of six WNBA teams owned and operated independent of NBA teams. The Sparks were led to back-to-back WNBA Championships in 2001 &amp; 2002 by Head Coach Michael Cooper. The team's roster of star athletes is led by five Olympians including 2008 WNBA MVP &amp; Rookie of the Year Candace Parker, three-time league MVP and 2008 Defensive Player of the Year Lisa Leslie, All-Star DeLisha Milton-Jones, four-time WNBA Champion Tina Thompson and 2008 silver medalist Kristi Harrower. The Sparks play their home games at STAPLES Center in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. For Sparks' ticket information, call 1-877-44-SPARKS.</p>				

