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TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION ANNOUNCED FOR 2010 TIME WARNER CABLE AHL ALL-STAR CLASSIC

PORTLAND, Maine ... The American Hockey League and the Portland Pirates have announced ticket information for the **2010 Time Warner Cable AHL All-Star Classic**. The event will take place in Portland on Jan. 18-19, 2010.

Tickets for the 2010 Time Warner Cable AHL All-Star Classic – which include admission to both the 2010 AHL All-Star Skills Competition on Jan. 18 and the 2010 AHL All-Star Game on Jan. 19, as well as an official commemorative All-Star Classic event program – will be priced at \$49 (rows 1-12 in all sections) and \$42 (rows 13-24 in all sections). The Pirates are also offering special rates in rows 13-24 for groups of 25 or more, with tickets priced at \$29 for either night or \$36 for both.

Portland Pirates season-ticket holders will have the first opportunity to purchase All-Star Classic tickets before they go on sale to the general public on Sept. 25.

The 2010 Time Warner AHL All-Star Classic will also feature three official social events. An opening reception will take place at the Ocean Gateway Terminal, located on the waterfront just a short distance from the Cumberland County Civic Center; the official post-Skills After-Party will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay; and the AHL All-Star Classic Awards Ceremony, featuring the 2010 AHL Hall of Fame inductions, will take place at Merrill Auditorium. Ticket packages for admission to all three of these events are just \$50, or each event can be attended for only \$20 apiece (food and beverage included with admission.)

For more information on purchasing tickets for the social events, visit portlandpirates.com. For All-Star sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Portland Pirates office at (207) 828-4665.

Portland, which hosted the AHL All-Star Classic in 2003, will be joining Rochester, Hershey and Providence as the only cities to host more than one AHL All-Star event in the league's history. The 2010 Time Warner Cable AHL All-Star Classic will feature the top young talent in the American Hockey League, competing in the AHL All-Star Skills Competition and the AHL All-Star Game. Of the 488 players to take part in the AHL All-Star Classic since 1995, more than 93 percent have competed in the National Hockey League, including **Patrice Bergeron, Brad Boyes, Dan Boyle, Daniel Briere, Brian Campbell, Zdeno Chara, Rick DiPietro, Jiri Hudler, Miikka Kiprusoff, Kari Lehtonen, Ryan Miller, Zach Parise, Bobby Ryan, Martin St. Louis, Jason Spezza, Eric Staal** and **Tomas Vokoun**.

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