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Karen Land, Dog Musher: May 5, 2008

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Karen Land: Iditarod Musher

It's the Last Great Race on Earth, The Iditarod!

Join Karen Land, Iditarod musher, for a free presentation about her experiences running this amazing race in the Alaskan wilderness.

When: Monday, May 5th, 2008 from 7:00-8:30

Where: The Strand Theater, downtown Shelbyville

Cost: It's Free! (Seating is limited to approx. 400 people)

www.mymusher.com

About Karen and the Iditarod:

The 1,150-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race across Alaska is an unbelievably difficult race. More people have reached the summit of Mount Everest than have made it to the Iditarod finish line behind a dog team.

Imagine stepping on the runners with 16 dogs barking and pounding to RUN in front of you. Imagine taking that team from the crowded downtown streets of Anchorage across the treacherous Alaskan Range Mountains down the bitterly cold Yukon River to the Bering Sea and the gold rush town of Nome. Imagine running a dog team 1,150 miles; the same distance as a trip from Indianapolis, Ind. to Miami, Florida. Imagine racing day and night for 14 days straight to reach the finish and your goal.

Karen Land grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana among suburban strip malls and popular sports. As a child, the snow and ice of Alaska seemed like another planet. Her love for dogs, horses, and all animals eventually steered her along life's twisty, unpredictable trail to a sled dog kennel in Montana. And her life went to the dogs...

In 1999, Karen and her dog Kirby moved to Maine where she enrolled in a graduate writing program. As part of her studies, she wrote a documentary about a rookie dog musher preparing for the 250-mile Can Am Crown Sled Dog race in northern Maine.

"I wanted to write about dogs and people who love dogs," she says. "But it became much more than that. It became a labor of love, a calling. I fell in love with all of the dogs, the sport, the wilderness, and the lifestyle of a musher. I knew exactly what I wanted to do next."

In March 2002, Karen took on and finished the biggest, most challenging sled dog race in the world - the Iditarod. She went on to compete in the 2003 and 2004 Iditarod as well.

Selections from Karen Land's website www.mymusher.com

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