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**Children's Museum of Phoenix Announces
Museum Without Walls March Events
Schedule Includes New Exhibit – Noodle Forest**

PHOENIX, AZ (January 16, 2007) – The Children's Museum of Phoenix (CMoP) announced today March, 2007 tour dates for its traveling exhibit program, *Museum Without Walls* (MWW).

Saturday, March 3rd 11am – 2pm

Exclusively Little Festival

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park (7301 East Indian Bend Road)

Admission: Free

It's a festival filled with hands-on crafts and exhibits geared towards the littlest ones (children 6 and under). Come play with CMoP's newest exhibit, Noodle Forest, and let your imagination run wild as you make your way through this unique sensory environment.

Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th 12pm – 5pm

Kids Detour

Burton Barr Central Library (1221 N. Central Ave)

Admission: Free

Kid's Detour is a special art event for kids and their parents at the Art Detour

Headquarters with unique hands-on art projects! Come create a "Community

Beaded Curtain" with the Children's Museum of Phoenix as we partner with The

Bead Museum of Glendale. This collaboration is sponsored in part by the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture.

Saturday, March 24th 10am – 4pm

Phoenix WorldFEST

Margaret T. Hance Park (3rd St. and Moreland)

Admission: Free

WorldFEST is a celebration of the world we live in with fun activities for the whole family. Visitors will see, hear, smell, taste, touch and actively participate in this hands-on, multicultural festival. Join the Children’s Museum of Phoenix as we partner with The Bead Museum of Glendale to create a “Community Beaded Curtain” that will celebrate individual differences, cultural roots, characteristics and personal interests of children and families while demonstrating the strength and beauty of collective effort.

Saturday, March 31st

Tempe Music Festival

Tempe Beach Park (70 W. Rio Salado Parkway & Mill Avenue)

Time & Admission: Event times and ticket prices TBA.

Come join the Children’s Museum of Phoenix as we debut our newest music themed exhibit at Arizona’s largest music festival with over 30 bands on three stages.

Prior to opening the permanent facility, CMoP is fulfilling its mission to *engage the minds, muscles, and imaginations of children through Museum Without Walls. MWW* currently consists of eight hands-on learning experiences which visit schools and community events around the Valley.

Museum Without Walls is sponsored in part by grants from Target and the Arizona Commission on the Arts.

For more information, and a complete listing of school visits and other public events, those interested can contact CMoP's *Museum Without Walls*/Volunteer Manager Kelley de Haan at (602) 253-0501 or visit CMoP's website calendar at www.childmusephx.org

PHOTOS ATTACHED

- ***NOODLE FOREST***
- ***BEAD CURTAIN***

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The Children's Museum of Phoenix is a 501(c) (3) non-profit dedicated to opening a children's museum that will engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the adults who care about them. The museum will focus on learning through play, with emphasis on early childhood education and school-readiness.

CMoP will be housed in what is now the historic Monroe School at 7th Street and Van Buren in downtown Phoenix. Groundbreaking on the site was held in April of this year marking the beginning of the building's restoration and renovation. For more information about the Children's Museum visit www.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org.

NOODLE FOREST

Description:

Imagine hundreds and hundreds of those foam pool noodles you see at the grocery store suspended from the ceiling, hanging down vertically, very close together, swinging back and forth with their ends about a foot off the floor. Now mentally cut them to different lengths from underneath so as to create little domed spaces in there, furnished with beanbags of all shapes and textures. It's simple, soft, unique and beautiful. Here the experience is to be immersed



in a very odd and unusual textural space. Play hide and seek, play house, scoot around under the different levels and navigate unfamiliar terrain.

Rationale:

The Noodle Forest offers sensory immersion in a unique environment. The textural attributes of the swim noodles (including how they feel against the skin; how they both move away from and toward the body; the somewhat squeaky way they sound if they're rubbed; the dense, rich color; even the smell that is almost undetectable to an adult but might be vivid to a child) will provide the close-at-hand qualities of the environment, and what people 'read' in experiencing this special setting. Besides, it's weird and cool.