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**RING IN THE YEAR OF THE OX
CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

WEST HARTFORD, January 14, 2009 – Astronomy fun, crafts, holiday food, and storytelling are all part of The Children's Museum's Chinese New Year Celebration and Live Concert on Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

A highlight of the evening will be "Sun, Moon, Stars, Shine!" a live performance by the award-winning singer, storyteller, and multi-instrumentalist Mary Jo Maichack. This program combines Asian and Native American folktales, familiar songs, and audience participation in a multi-cultural celebration of the winter season.

"Celebrating Chinese New Year is a great way to learn about astronomy, mythology, and culture, while participating in a fun-filled community event," said Kristie Mazzoni, Director of the Museum's Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium.

The event is appropriate for all ages and will also include craft-making, a night sky presentation in the Travelers Science Dome, snacks, and telescope viewing in the courtyard, weather permitting.

Admission to the event is \$8 per person for members of The Children's Museum and \$10 per person for non-members. Register by email at Events@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org or by telephone at 860.231.2830 x44.

The Children's Museum offers hands-on science exhibits, live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut's top museum attractions. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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