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SHOWING OF BOX TURTLE ARTWORK AT FRAME DIMENSIONS TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

West Hartford, CT (November 28, 2007)...The Children's Museum is excited to announce a showing of abstract expressionist artwork from Bobby, an Eastern Box Turtle and resident of the museum's Turtle Town. The show, opening December 8th and 9th in conjunction with West Hartford Center's Holiday Stroll, is being presented by Frame Dimensions, located at 995 Farmington Avenue. All of Bobby's paintings will be beautifully framed and available for sale. Proceeds from the sale of Bobby's artwork will benefit The Children's Museum's wildlife sanctuary.

Painting does not harm Bobby. The paint used is non-toxic and Bobby shows no signs of stress while painting. Bobby creates his

artwork in view of Museum visitors to help raise awareness about the risks currently facing wild box turtles in Connecticut.

The Eastern Box Turtle is listed by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection as a “Species of Special Concern.” No box turtle may be disturbed or removed from the wild, and possession requires a DEP permit.

Joe and Susan Lipiner, owners of Frame Dimensions, offered to present this showing to benefit The Children’s Museum after donating the framing of a piece of Bobby’s artwork that was auctioned at the Museum’s spring gala. The Lipiners state, “We are thrilled to partner with The Children’s Museum to help bring awareness to our Eastern Box Turtles in Connecticut and help support the care and feeding of the animals at the Museum. Bobby’s paintings are fascinating to study. There is a definite story to his abstract designs that engages the viewer and inspires reflection on the beauty of the world around us.”

Bobby will be present during the afternoons of December 8th and 9th at Frame Dimensions so art and turtle lovers can “meet the artist.” Please call Frame Dimensions for exact times and directions to the gallery, 860.232.2120.

Established in 1927, The Children’s Museum is a one-of-a-kind museum featuring hands-on science exhibits, live animals, digital space and science shows, and programs for the entire family. The

Museum includes the United Technologies Wildlife Sanctuary, the new Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, CT, and The Children's Museum Preschool, one of the oldest preschools in the country. The Children's Museum serves close to 180,000 people annually, is the fifth oldest children's museum in the country, and is Connecticut's largest museum. Located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford, the Museum is accessible from I-84 Exit 43 and offers free parking. For more information and specific show schedules, visit the website: www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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