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**MADISON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IS "HMONG AT HEART"
THIS FEBRUARY**

MADISON, Wis. (February 8, 2008) -- Madison Children's Museum (MCM) celebrates the return of the award-winning exhibit, *Hmong at Heart*, on Saturday, February 16, 2008. The exhibit, developed by MCM, recently wrapped up a national tour of ten cities as part of the Freeman Foundation Asian Exhibit Initiative, administered by the Association of Children's Museums.

Hmong at Heart brings to light five thousand years of the remarkable history and durable traditions of the Hmong. Kids can explore several interactive environments including a mountain-top Hmong village in Laos, a Thai refugee camp, and a Hmong American home. The exhibit will also be accompanied by a number of new family programs and demonstrations throughout the exhibit's run.

Hmong at Heart will be installed in Madison through August 2008 before traveling to St. Paul to finish out the year at the Minnesota Children's Museum.

Hmong at Heart Opening Weekend Schedule of Events

Saturday, February 16, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit public grand opening (regular museum hours)

10:00 a.m. – noon Drop in program: Hmong crafts

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Meet and greet: Hmong comedian Tou Ger Xiong

2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Performance: Tou Ger Xiong at Overture Center for the Arts International Festival

Sunday, February 17, 2008

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Drop in program: Hmong hats

About Madison Children's Museum: Madison Children's Museum (MCM) is an award-winning organization which fosters family and community connections, and provides a place where every child can learn through play in an interactive environment. MCM's hands-on exhibits and programs celebrate and encourage children's imaginations and the power of play as the cornerstone of learning.

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Photo attached.