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Tickets on Sale for Tea & Trains Fundraiser Dec. 3

MADISON, Wis. (November 10, 2011) – Tickets are on sale for Madison Children’s Museum’s 14th annual holiday event, Tea & Trains, which will be held **Saturday, December 3**, from 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at the **Madison Club**, 5 E. Wilson Street. They may be purchased at MadisonChildrensMuseum.org.

Families can get in the holiday spirit with a variety of activities, including:

- Readings of *The Mitten Tree*, written by Candace Christiansen
- A holiday high tea including hot chocolate and other delicious treats
- Conductor Joe Schappel’s private American Flyer electric train collection
- Formal holiday portraits
- Old-fashioned silhouettes
- Unique holiday crafts
- A great silent auction, with many items for the gift-savvy shopper
- A bag of goodies to take home

Tickets cost \$35 each, or there is an option to purchase a variety of ticket packages. Please visit the museum’s website for details soon, because this event typically sells out by late November.

The event will feature an extensive silent auction, where shoppers can find something for everyone on their holiday shopping list! Special items this year include a spa package at the Madison Concourse Hotel & Governor’s Club that includes a one-night stay in the Governor’s Club, with spa service money and dining money; a six-month Gold Cove membership to Prairie Athletic Club; and an array of autographed University of Wisconsin memorabilia, including a basketball autographed by the men’s team, as well as one autographed by the women’s team, and an autographed men’s hockey jersey.

This year’s Tea & Trains Supporting Sponsor is American Printing. Sustaining Sponsors include Complete Mobile Dentistry, Inc.; Mt. Olympus; and Optimist Club of Downtown Madison. Event sponsors include Cost Cutters; Engineered Construction, Inc.; EZ Office Products; Gingras, Cates & Luebke; Law Advisors S.C.; and Murphy Desmond S.C.

Madison Children’s Museum: Madison Children’s Museum (MCM) is an award-winning organization whose hands-on exhibits and programs celebrate and encourage children’s imaginations and the power of play as the cornerstone of learning. For more about MCM, including a fact sheet and detailed exhibit descriptions, please visit <http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/about-mcm/newsroom/>. To download photos for media use, please visit our Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/mcmmarketing>.

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