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THE SCIENCENTER PRESENTS *CHILDREN OF HANGZHOU: CONNECTING WITH CHINA*

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Connecting with China



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Asian Culture Exhibit Series

Administered by Association of Children's Museums

Ithaca, NY – September 12, 2017 – Opening to the public on Saturday, September 23, *Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China* is an exhibition designed to engage children and families in learning about one of the oldest civilizations – and now among the most modern – in the world through some of its young people. *Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China* was created by Boston Children's Museum and is part of the Freeman Foundation Asian Culture Exhibit Series, funded by The Freeman Foundation and administered by Association of Children's Museums. The exhibit will be hosted by the Sciencenter through December.

"We are incredibly pleased to bring Children of the Hangzhou to the Sciencenter. We believe this exhibition highlights the Sciencenter role in cultivating relationships, such as the relationship between science, culture, and history, the relationship between different cultures or the same culture over time, and the relationship between our guests and the world in which we live" said Dean Briere, Executive Director of the Sciencenter.

Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China is devoted to expanding knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of contemporary China through life in Hangzhou. In distinctively Chinese settings, Sciencenter guests will "meet" children with different interests and in different environments and learn what makes them tick. This exhibit is a bridge to learn about China and build cross-cultural understanding by dispelling stereotypes and demystifying the nation of China. The exhibit showcases a wide range of subjects, such as art symbols, what a school day is like for a student in China, the history of the Great Wall, the Chinese opera, rice planting in the countryside, and the evolution of the Chinese language.

Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China presents four children from Hangzhou at home, at school, in the library, in the theater, and in the countryside. The Hangzhou young people introduce

themselves through media and the activities of their daily lives. Guests will discover that Chinese life today mixes ancient traditions with modern lifestyles and that life in China is both similar to and different from life in North America. The exhibit features original artwork created to present a unique Chinese aesthetic that delivers an immediate and unmistakable impression: You are in China.

Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China will be at the Sciencenter this fall before embarking on a three-year, 8-city U.S. tour.

About the Sciencenter:

The Sciencenter inspires excitement for science through interactive exhibits and programs that engage, educate, and empower. The hands-on museum offers guests of all ages more than 250 exhibits, educational programs, a gift shop, science-themed seasonal mini-golf course, and two seasonal outdoor science playgrounds. The museum is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. General admission is \$8 (ages 2 – 64), \$7 for seniors (ages 65+), and free to members and kids under 2. For membership information, current programs, and activities, please visit www.sciencenter.org. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca.

About Boston Children's Museum

Boston Children's Museum engages children and families in joyful discovery experiences that instill an appreciation of our world, develop foundational skills, and spark a lifelong love of learning. More information about Boston Children's Museum can be found at www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org. Become a fan of the Museum on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BostonChildrensMuseum> and follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/BosChildMuseum>

About The Freeman Foundation:

The Freeman Foundation was established in 1993 by Mansfield Freeman. This private foundation is committed to increasing and strengthening the understanding of nations in East Asia.

About Association of Children's Museums (ACM)

In an increasingly complex world, children's museums provide a place where all kids can learn through play and exploration with the caring adults in their lives. There are approximately 400 children's museums around the world, which annually reach more than thirty-one million visitors. ACM provides leadership, professional development, advocacy, and resources for its member organizations and individuals. To learn more about ACM and to find an ACM-member children's museum near you, visit www.ChildrensMuseums.org.

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