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# **THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO PREMIERE LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER'S NATURE EXHIBIT:**

## **A Day's Journey into Our National Parks**

April 2, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)...The Children's Museum in West Hartford will be premiering a collection of national parks and wildlife photos by local nature photographer Jim Liddy. This special exhibit is opening to the general public starting on April 9<sup>th</sup> in the Museum's Mezzanine Gallery and is free to explore with regular admission to the Museum.

Jim Liddy, an Avon resident, is a nature photographer with a passion for sharing what he experiences while discovering the essence of fascinating landscapes and wildlife. Whether photographing two miles high in a grove of 5,000-year-old bristlecone pines or in the Yellowstone wilderness with a family of coyotes, Jim's ardent respect for our national parks has allowed him to capture our natural world in its most pristine state. Jim has spent the past 25 years building a portfolio of images that provide unique access to the outdoors, bringing our natural environment into closer view. When asked what inspires his photography Jim says, "My vision is to create photographs that take the viewer into the natural splendor of our planet Earth." Jim has built an extensive collection of photographs capturing the natural history of America's landscapes and wildlife.

The Children's Museum is thrilled to host these spectacular visions of our natural world. Entitled *A Day's Journey into Our National Parks*, the exhibit will showcase several images that provide a unique perspective into these protected lands and share with others what he experiences in visiting these places of natural wonder. We hope that you will join Jim at The Children's Museum in a journey past the untouched wilderness that we cherish in our national parks. There will be a special artist's reception at The Children's Museum on the evening of April 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 p.m. The media is invited and should contact Cindy King for details.

The Children's Museum has a long history of providing hands-on

learning focused on science based education for younger children and families. One of the state's major attractions, each year it serves nearly 200,000 children and their families. The Children's Museum is also home to the new Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, wildlife and interactive science exhibits, as well as science based outreach programs in the elementary school system statewide. The Children's Museum offers one of the longest running early childhood education centers in the nation at The Children's Museum Preschool. Additionally, the Museum's Roaring Brook Nature Center in nearby Canton offers natural science and history exhibits and programs, a wildlife sanctuary, nature trails and outdoor gardens. With the recent recommitment of support from the State of Connecticut and the Town of West Hartford, The Children's Museum is poised to begin an exciting new chapter in its 80-year history with plans to relocate and expand at a new facility over the next few years.

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