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LAST CHANCE TO VIEW PRISMATIC IMAGING EXHIBIT BY BUTCH WANDY AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

West Hartford, CT (November 21, 2007)...The Children's Museum is proud to host award-winning sculptor Butch Wandy's work in our mezzanine gallery. Originally installed as a complement to the Museum's *Color Play* main exhibit last spring, the *Prismatic Imaging* exhibit will close December 2, 2007.

Prismatic Imaging resulted from the artist's life-long exploration of fine optics as they apply to fine art; in this case, prisms. Connecticut born and raised, Wandy is the only artist in the world with access to unique polycarbonate sheeting embossed with hundreds of cubed-cornered prisms. The artist calls the material "Prisma." By crimping or coloring the material and exposing it to a light source, Wandy is able to create an eye-catching array of visual abstractions that he then "captures" with a camera.

The artist tries to challenge viewers of his artwork, first by enticing them visually to draw them in for a closer look, and then to generate thought and discussion that digs beyond the surface and hopefully opens new doors. Wandy's art has received widespread critical acclaim and has been shown in such prestigious venues as Art of the Northeast at the Silvermine Gallery in New Canaan, CT and the International Art Expo at the Javits

Convention Center in New York City. Ernst Lurker (Playart.org) has described the artist's work as "a major breakthrough that is almost certain to break open the world of abstract photography."

One of the artworks on exhibit, *Melting Point* (1997), has been chosen by Linda Webber, Curator of Art at the UConn Medical Center, to be added to the Center's impressive collection on permanent display.

The sales of Wendy's donated artworks at charity auctions have raised money for The Children's Museum, the Silvermine Gallery, the New Britain Museum of American Art, the Promenade Gallery at the Bushnell Memorial, the West Hartford Art League, Paul Newman's Hole-In-The-Wall Camp for Kids with Cancer, and the UConn Athletic Department. In addition, the artist is currently working on an exclusive affiliation with a name fashion designer for his one-of-a-kind stunning abstractions in the form of multi-hued scarves, which have become coveted items at charity auctions.

Butch Wendy is a member of the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts, the West Hartford Art League, and the New Britain Museum of American Art. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, he maintains an active studio in East Hartford. Visitors are welcome by appointment at 860.289.1664.

The Children's Museum is committed to igniting the curiosity of young people through science and nature. In addition to the museum, the organization includes the Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, the United Technologies Wildlife Sanctuary, Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, and The Children's Museum Preschool, one of the oldest preschools in the country. The Children's Museum serves some to 180,000 people annually, is the fifth oldest children's museum in the country, and 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. The museum is open Tuesday

through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The museum is open Mondays on holidays and school vacation weeks.

For more information, visit the website at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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