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Children's Museum of Denver to celebrate 42 years with Shel Silverstein-inspired gala

The Museum's 42nd Birthday Bash, Anything Can Happen, Anything Can Be will be an evening filled with whimsy, food and drinks, music and entertainment.

Denver, CO – To celebrate 42 years of creating a community of learning through play, the Museum is throwing the ultimate adults-only party. The Birthday Bash gala, *Anything Can Happen, Anything Can Be*, is set for **Friday, May 29 at 6 p.m.**

Each year, the theme for the Children's Museum's Birthday Bash follows beloved literature for children. For the 42nd year, inspiration for the event is drawn from the collective works of Shel Silverstein. Gala attendees can travel to Silverstein's beautifully simplistic world during an evening filled with giving trees, ends of sidewalks, silly ideas and profound prose.

Event Chairs, Erica Bisette and Crista Martin, and a committee of nearly 60 volunteers work for months to plan the most whimsical fundraiser in town. The evening features silent and live auctions with a wide array of trips, tickets and local artwork, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Gourmet Fine Catering, live entertainment and dancing to local favorites, That Eighties Band. The evening also includes a raffle drawing for a trip for two to the Cayman Islands.

Money raised at the Birthday Bash supports the Museum's educational efforts, program supplies, exhibit development, community outreaches, and sponsored admissions and memberships for children from Title I schools. Each year, the event raises nearly \$300,000 through the generosity of the community.

Ticket Prices

Individual	\$150
Individual VIP*	\$200

*Individual VIP ticket purchasers are invited to attend the VIP Hour from 5 - 6 p.m. for early auction bidding, live entertainment and specialty cocktails.

For ticket purchases or questions please call Lisa Andersson at 303-561-0104 or visit www.mychildsmuseum.org.

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About the Children’s Museum of Denver:

The Children's Museum of Denver believes in kid-powered learning. Every day, expertly designed exhibits and programs open doors for Colorado's curious young minds to express what they know and to discover, create and explore more - on their own terms.

Since 1973, the Children’s Museum of Denver has served the metro-Denver community as a learning institute dedicated to the education and growth of young children, newborn through age 8, and their caregivers. The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment for children to joyously learn through innovative and interactive Playscapes (hands-on exhibits), engaging daily programming and year-round special events. Last year, they served more than 359,000 children and their grown-ups.

The Museum is currently under construction on a \$16 million expansion to create a 9-acre campus and new experiences; doubling the size of the current facility. The expansion is slated for completion fall 2015.

The Children’s Museum of Denver is a 501(c)(3), private non-profit organization, and a Tier II SCFD member.

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