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Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus to feature *Opening Doors*, an art exhibit welcoming all *Interactive exhibit will champion inclusion, diversity and community, and will open in conjunction with a “Pay As You Will Day” at the Museum*

Denver, CO – March 6, 2017 - The Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus is a community gathering place where all are welcome. They serve all families, regardless of immigration status, race, color, national origin, disability, religion, creed, gender identity or sexual orientation, and invite everyone to learn, explore and play together.

This spring, the Museum will curate and unveil a poignant and timely public art exhibition, *Opening Doors*, to celebrate our diverse community.

“The current climate regarding immigration policy has created uncertainty in our community and provided us with an opportunity to further broadcast our core values of inclusion, diversity and equality,” said Mike Yankovich, president and CEO of the Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus. “We are asking ourselves what we can do to amplify the positive nature of children’s museums as a community gathering place and to support inclusion for all. This art exhibition will be bold, powerful and moving.”

The exhibit, featuring local artists, will be a series of 11 open doors that form a welcome ribbon at the Museum entrance. The doors are meant to inspire arriving guests with beauty, color, texture and designs that convey a celebration of diversity and a message that “all are welcome here!” The hands-on, interactive exhibit will open on Wednesday, April 26th and will be located on the Museum plaza through the fall of 2017, free for all to experience.

To kick off the exhibit opening, the Museum will host a “Pay As You Will Day” on Wednesday, April 26, where families can come to the Museum from 9 am – 7:30 pm and choose their own admission price.

***Opening Doors* Contributing Artists:**

- Frankie Toan
- Armando Silva (Artmando)
- Ramon Bonilla
- Jennifer Ghormley
- Maeve Eichelberger
- Ebony Ice and Kristen Thomas
- Gwylym Cano
- Sarah Fukami

- Jay Michael Jaramillo and Jerry Jaramillo
- Salim Khoury, working collaboratively with community children

About the Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus

The mission of the Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus is to create extraordinary experiences that champion the wonder and joy of childhood. They believe in kid-powered learning and every day, their 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 at Marsico Campus has served the metro-Denver community as a learning institution dedicated to the education and growth of young children and their caregivers. The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment for children to joyously learn through innovative and interactive hands-on exhibits, engaging daily programming and year-round special events. Last year, they served 502,000 children and their grown-ups.

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

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