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CELEBRATE DAY OF THE DEAD WITH *THE ACCIDENTAL MUMMIES OF GUANAJUATO* EXHIBITION AT THE DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

Museum will Offer Special Crafts, Music and Treats to Celebrate the Holiday

DETROIT, Oct. 22, 2009 -- On Nov. 1, 2009 join a festive celebration of Day of the Dead at the Detroit Science Center. The museum will celebrate this special holiday in conjunction with *The Accidental Mummies of Guanajuato* exhibition.

Day of the Dead is a holiday dating back 3,000 years to Aztec and other Central American societies. It is a time to celebrate and remember family and friends who are deceased. The Detroit Science Center will celebrate Day of the Dead with special performances by Mariachi Fiesta Alegre at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., craft activities throughout the day, piñatas and treat bags for all children visiting the museum. Visitors in costume will receive \$3 off adult museum admission or \$2 off child museum admission.

The Accidental Mummies of Guanajuato is an all-new touring exhibition that debuted at the Detroit Science Center on Oct. 10, 2009. Featuring 36 accidental mummies on loan from the Museo de las Momias de Guanajuato, the exhibition combines science, history and cultural anthropology to immerse the visitor in the world of a Mexican city over 100 years ago where deceased residents naturally mummified in their crypts. This is the very first time these mummies have been seen outside of Mexico.

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Visitors to the exhibition will meet some of these accidental mummies, learn about life in their thriving community, discover the modern-day forensic technology that helps scientists analyze them, and explore a culture that reveres and celebrates them. Each mummy tells his or her own story, with facial reconstructions completed by a forensic artist to give insight into their lives.

Tickets are \$24.95 for adults, \$22.95 for seniors (60+) and \$19.95 for children (2-12). They are available at www.detroitsciencecenter.org, www.accidentalmummies.com and www.museumtix.com. Museum admission is complimentary with an exhibition ticket. The exhibition will be in Detroit through April 11, 2010. For further information, including an interactive tour of the exhibition, please visit accidentalmummies.com.

The Accidental Mummies of Guanajuato is an official event of the Mexico 2010 Bicentennial celebration. It is produced by Detroit Science Center Design & Exhibits at Eekstein's Workshop, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Detroit Science Center that creates captivating, durable, engaging exhibits and displays for museum and corporate clients, in association with Accidental Mummies Touring Company LLC. The exhibition is sponsored in Detroit by AT&T. Media support for the exhibition in Detroit is provided by Latino Press, WDIV-TV and WJR-AM.

The Detroit Science Center is a hands-on museum that inspires its visitors to pursue and support careers in engineering, technology and science. The Science Center features five theaters, including Michigan's only Chrysler IMAX[®] *Dome* Theatre, the Dassault Systèmes Planetarium, the Toyota Engineering Theater, the DTE Energy Sparks Theater and the Chrysler Science Stage; a 10,000 square-foot Science Hall for traveling exhibits; hands-on exhibit galleries focusing on space, life and physical science; the United States Steel Fun Factory; an exhibit gallery just for pint-size scientists; and a Special Events Lobby. For more information, please call 313.577.8400 or visit the website, <http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org>.

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