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**Diwali Festival of Lights at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose**

**October 16, 2013 - San Jose, CA** Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose (CDM) is hosting its *Second Annual Diwali Festival of Lights* on October 19 & 20, 2013, in honor of Indian culture and traditions.

"Our annual Diwali celebration brings many new visitors as well as loyal friends to share the culture of our community" said CDM Executive Director Marilee Jennings. "We are very grateful for the generous, enthusiastic support of our Advisory Committee who is helping to ensure the event is a resounding success. We look forward to celebrating the festival for many years to come."

Each day emcees from Radio Dehotties will lead visitors on a delightful journey of moving and colorful performances. Visitors can participate in a Dandia demonstration, be captivated by a classical dance, and wowed with the vivid colors of a fashion show. Throughout the Museum guests can watch a Rangoli design come to life, sample traditional sweets, hear folktales, and engage in art activities that reflect diverse facets of the culture.

Children's Discovery Museum is committed to promoting the culture and diversity of our region. Diwali festivities join a host of other cultural events at the Museum such *Dia de los Tres Reyes Magos*, a Latino celebration; Chinese *Lunar New Year*; and the *Children of the Dragon* Vietnamese heritage festival. Through exploring the traditions of Diwali with the community, Children's Discovery Museum provides families of all backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about the rich fabric of culture and traditions in Silicon Valley.

**ABOUT CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF SAN JOSE**

With over 150 interactive exhibits and programs, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose (CDM) is one of the largest museums of its kind in the nation. Since opening its doors in 1990, CDM has welcomed over 7 million visitors and has offered new exhibits each year that respond to children's diverse educational needs. The striking 52,000 square foot purple building was designed by Mexico City-based architect Ricardo Legorreta and is a beacon of discovery. Encompassing the broad themes of community, connections and creativity, hands-on exhibits invite self-directed, open-ended explorations. For more information about the Museum, visit [www.cdm.org](http://www.cdm.org).