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**GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER AND FIRST LADY MARIA SHRIVER
OPEN 2008 CALIFORNIA HALL OF FAME EXHIBITION**

*Exhibit Highlights Over 100 Artifacts in New 3,000 Square Foot Gallery
Features Large Items and Interactive Media*

Press Preview, Monday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Sacramento, CA) – The California Museum’s California Hall of Fame will be telling a *bigger* story on December 15th when the 2008 inductees are honored by Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver and the new exhibit is opened. Created by Shriver in 2006, the third exhibition will allow the narrative of California’s biggest names to be told in innovative and engaging ways by presenting large items, a “Dr. Seuss” reading room, audio-visual components and interactive elements.

The 2008 inductees are: musician **Dave Brubeck**, actor and activist **Jane Fonda**, author **Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel**, sculptor **Robert Graham**, record producer **Quincy Jones**, fitness guru **Jack LaLanne**, photographer **Dorothea Lange**, architect **Julia Morgan**, actor **Jack Nicholson**, scientist **Linus Pauling**, California founding father **Leland Stanford** and chef **Alice Waters**. Family members will accept the posthumous awards.

“Only in California can we celebrate the legacies of twelve incredibly diverse icons -- from Jack Nicholson to Quincy Jones, Dorothea Lange to Leland Stanford, Theodor Geisel to Alice Waters -- they all have an amazing story to share, as different and unique as California is vast,” said Shriver. “The California Hall of Fame has become a landmark destination and this year’s new and expanded exhibit once again showcases the stories and achievements of these amazing individuals in a more innovative and interactive way.”

“At The California Museum, we believe that to tell the story of innovation, we must do it in an innovative way,” said California Museum Executive Director Claudia French. “The California Hall of Fame continues to astonish and challenge all of us to dream big.”

In celebration of their achievements and with the aim of creating a space where the imagination has room to grow, the new California Hall of Fame exhibition space has expanded to approximately 3,000 square feet. With more space, the exhibition will feature items like the horse-drawn carriage owned by Governor Leland Stanford and a Henney Kilowatt Electric Car, for which double-Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling provided the research. It will also feature multimedia presentations, like a Quincy Jones listening station; a piano that plays Dave Brubeck classics; and early Jack LaLanne videos.

The California Museum is also proud to display incredible historical objects, such as the “Golden Spike,” the nail that connected the Transcontinental Railroad, in the Leland Stanford exhibit; Robert Graham’s model of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial; and Julia Morgan’s certificate of architecture, the first given to a woman in California.



Iconic cultural pieces featured will be Jack Nicholson's script from *The Shining*, complete with the actor's notes and drawings; the cameras with which Dorothea Lange captured American faces during times of great hardship; and the handcuffs Jack LaLanne wore on his legendary swim from Alcatraz.

"In the new exhibition space, we can provide a more comprehensive view of the California Hall of Fame inductees," said Deputy Director Amanda Meeker. "It allows the display of large items that we didn't have space for in previous years, and creates opportunities for visitors to touch, listen, and play as they discover the contributions of these remarkable individuals in exciting ways."

The 2008 California Hall of Fame inductees will be presented with the *Spirit of California* medal at a formal ceremony led by Governor Schwarzenegger and Shriver on Monday, December 15th. The exhibition opens to the public on Tuesday, December 16th.

Members of the press are invited to preview it on Monday, December 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

About The California Museum

The California Museum -- home of the *California Hall of Fame* and *California Legacy Trails* -- is a cultural destination dedicated to telling the rich history of California and its unique influence on the world of ideas, innovation, art and culture. We advance our mission to inspire through educating school children through dynamic exhibits and educational programs, as well as serving as a public forum and international meeting place. The California Museum is located at 1020 O Street, (Corner of 10th Street), downtown Sacramento. For more information 916.653.7524, info@californiamuseum.org, www.californiamuseum.org.

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