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SPECIAL GUESTS, SMALL NAMES
Kids Take Part in California Hall of Fame Festivities
One of the “Migrant Mother” Children Attends Ceremony

(Sacramento, CA) – The California Museum’s California Hall of Fame is a statewide institution with the mission of representing all aspects and facets of California’s diverse culture and rich history. So, Monday night, as California’s biggest stars walk the red carpet, the Museum will also be welcoming several other important guests to the formal event on Monday, December 15th.

Attending the event will be Katherine McIntosh, one of the three small children in 2008 inductee Dorothea Lange’s most famous photograph, “Migrant Mother.” Lange, who is being honored posthumously in the California Hall of Fame, captured the iconic image in 1936 of Florence Owen Thompson and her children as they traveled through migrant camps in Nipomo, California. McIntosh currently lives in Modesto.

Other than the inductees, also being recognized at the California Hall of Fame will be Elena Muruato, the 2008 Dreamers Challenge scholarship award winner. Elena is a high school senior at Pueblo de Los Angeles Continuation High School in East Los Angeles. She will be receiving \$5,000 from Comcast for her essay “Helping Heroes.” Elena will be officially recognized by First Lady Maria Shriver at the press preview on Monday, the 15th.

On the red carpet, kids to meet their inspirations will be:

- Fourth Grade Class from Brookfield Elementary School
 - The Brookfield School is a small, independent, co-educational, college preparatory school serving kindergarten through eighth grades in Sacramento. In October, Brookfield Elementary joined the California School Garden Network, much like Alice Waters’ edible schoolyard programs in Oakland. The statewide California School Garden Network provides resources and materials for students to learn about gardening, cooking and community service.
- Rio Americano High School Jazz Program
 - The Rio Americano High School Jazz Program has been selected as a finalist for the “Essentially Ellington Competition” in New York City four times since 2001, and has won the “Monterey Jazz Festival ‘Next Generation’” competition a record seven times since 1987. They have also been selected to perform at the inaugurations of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mayor Kevin Johnson. They have toured in Japan, China, Australia, and are planning a tour of Argentina.

In the post-ceremony reception, entertainment will be provided by:

- The Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet
 - Housed at the University of the Pacific, the Brubeck Fellowship Program is a two-year full-scholarship program in jazz performance for five musicians who have just graduated from high school. The BIJQ travel throughout the world and perform annually at several prestigious festivals. Upon completion of the program, the Brubeck Fellows go on to collegiate programs in jazz studies or pursue careers in jazz performance. They are also expected to serve as ambassadors for jazz and to promote the values epitomized by the life and music of Dave Brubeck.

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WHEN: Monday, December 15, 2008
12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
5:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

WHERE: The California Museum
1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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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