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*** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

Hispanic Heritage Month commemorated with *Mas Chisme de la Cultura* at The California Museum

Sacramento collective Co-Madres Artistas' *Spinning Cultural Stories* exhibition to open on September 10th in Second Saturday reception

WHAT: In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, *Mas Chisme de la Cultura/Spinning Cultural Stories* features the original artwork of the Sacramento-based Chicana collective Co-Madres Artistas. The artists - **Irma Barbosa, Carmel Castillo, Mareia de Socorro, Laura Llano** and **Helen Villa** - have been leaders in the Chicana art movement for the past twenty years. Over 20 of their bright and engaging paintings speaking to themes of Latina pride, feminism and community activism will be exhibited in the Maria Shriver Gallery through Sunday, November 13, 2011.

WHEN: **Opening Reception: Second Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 5:00 – 7:00pm**
Exhibition: Saturday, September 10, 2011 – Sunday, November 13, 2011
Members of the public are invited to attend the opening reception on September 10, 2011, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Maria Shriver Gallery. The exhibit will continue through Sunday, November 13, 2011, during The California Museum's regular business hours.

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

MEDIA: **Media are invited to attend a press preview tour on Friday, September 9, 2011 from 10:00-11:00am.** To request credentials, contact Brenna Hamilton, Communications Director at The California Museum, at bhamilton@californiamuseum.org or (916) 651-0934.

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ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM:

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ABOUT CO-MADRES ARTISTAS:

Co-Madres Artistas and the community are synonymous. The contribution to the community by each member adds to the pride of the group. Individualism within the group is encouraged. You can identify each painting by the individual style without having to read the signatures. For more information, visit: CoMadresArtistas.com

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Interviews, exhibit tour and press images available starting 9/9/2011 by request.