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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
"Second Saturday Family Arts Day"
Travel Around the World on Saturday, May 12, 2007 2-4pm

Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art as they celebrate ***Second Saturday Family Arts Day!*** Saturday, May 12, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Saturday's presenters will include ***Latin Dance for Kids with Erin Fernandez*** from 2:10-2:50 pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Gamelan Sekar Sequoia*** from 2:40-3:15 pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Shadow Puppet Theater*** from 3:15-4:00pm in the Performance Rotunda, and ***Art in the style of Salvador Dali*** with Lindsay Coats in the Youth Classroom from 2-4pm.

Latin Dance with Erin Fernandez

Erin Fernandez and her students will give a short demonstration and then invite the audience up to dance! Erin offers Latin Dance classes for kids Mondays from 5:30-6:25 p.m. at Common Ground Community Center in the Westwood Shopping Center, Alliance Rd., Arcata. \$8 Registration Fee. \$34/mo., or drop-in \$9/class. She also teaches children and adult ballet classes. Born and raised in Humboldt County, Erin began her dance training at the age of four. Erin has been trained in various dance styles ranging from ballet, jazz and tap, to modern and Latin dance. She has enjoyed many seasons performing as a principal dancer with the North Coast Dance Ballet Company, and directing the Children's Division. Erin has founded, directed, and performed with her own jazz dance company, FUSION, and instructed two semesters of jazz dance at HSU in 2005. In 2006, Erin danced and performed abroad with the Estada Internacional de Danza in Banyoles, Spain, and plans to return next summer. She is currently teaching ballet at HSU, and performing with Samba Na Chuva dance troupe. She has a degree in Elementary Education and is thrilled to be teaching young children back in Arcata where she took her first ballet lesson. For more information contact Erin at 822-8408 or eringfernandez@yahoo.com.

Gamelan Sekar Sequoia

A gamelan is a musical ensemble of Indonesian origin typically featuring a variety of instruments such as metallophones, xylophones, drums, and gongs; bamboo flutes, bowed and plucked strings, and vocalists may also be included. The term refers more to the set of instruments than the players of those instruments. A gamelan as a set of instruments is a distinct entity, built and tuned to stay together — instruments from different gamelan are not interchangeable. Gamelan music dates back to more than 1000 years B.C. The word "gamelan" comes from the Javanese word "gamel", meaning to strike or hammer.

Shadow Puppet Theater

Enjoy an exciting story from China in this special Shadow Puppet Theater accompanied by live Gamelan music. Sean Powers, of *Sean's Shadows*, has been working with shadow puppets professionally for the last ten years, doing presentations at libraries, schools, recreation centers and private shows all over northern California. Multi-talented, he is also a musician playing instruments from all over the world, has been a storyteller for 20 years, has illustrated children's stories, and has taught theater for children in the schools. A resident of Humboldt since 1989, Sean is also a wood carver and has won several awards nationally, as well as being a triple award winner in The Ink Peoples' Maskabition. Available to teach or present a variety of artistic media, Sean can be reached at 825-0937.

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Come make Art in the style of Salvador Dali with Lindsay Coats. May 11th is Surrealist painter Salvador Dali's birthday! Surrealistic painters use their dreams and imagination for subject matter inventing new worlds from the unconscious. Celebrate Surrealism and Dali by creating Surrealist Hands in the Youth Classroom. Turn tracings of your hands into a fantastical creatures where each finger takes on a character all its own!

The Humboldt Arts Council would like to recognize our Second Saturday Family Arts Day Underwriters: AG Edwards, Citigroup, Living Education and Arts Foundation, McLean Foundation, Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Umpqua Bank, and US Bank. Thank you for all of your support!

Family Arts Day is every second Saturday of the month. To be a presenter or for more information about Family Arts Day contact Rebecca Froehlich at 707.442.0278, ext. 201. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka, Ca.