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**MANITO AHBEE PRESENTS:
DAY AT THE MUSEUM!**

Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 7, 2009) -- The Manito Ahbee Festival is proud to be presenting the first Manito Ahbee day at the Children's Museum, for kids of all ages, and families of all nations:

Saturday, October 10 – 11:00am to 3:00pm
Children's Museum at The Forks
Admission \$7 for children / \$6.75 for adults

- 11:00am – Pow Wow demonstration with Coco Ray Stevenson.
- 11:45am – Hoop Dance demonstration with Jackson Beardy. Will perform and teach children how to hoop dance.
- 12:45pm – Two children jiggers will perform and teach children to jig.
- 1:30pm – Story time with Mary Black, who will read from *The Seven Teachings* book.
- 2:00pm – Arts and Crafts with Blaine Harris, who will teach children how to make petroforms.

"We wanted to put on an event where families could come out and have some fun together, and also find out more about the Manito Ahbee Festival," says Lisa Meeches, Chair of the Manito Ahbee Board of Governors. "We'll be sharing some of our culture and traditions with children who maybe have never seen an Aboriginal dancer, or heard an Aboriginal story. It's a chance for many kids to experience something brand new."

THE MANITO AHBEE FESTIVAL

Manito Ahbee: A Festival For All Nations takes place **November 4 to 8 in Winnipeg**. Now in its fourth year, Manito Ahbee celebrates and showcases Aboriginal music, art and culture through the following events:

- Education Conference (November 4-6)
- Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards (November 5-6)
- Métis Soirée (November 7)
- Indigenous Marketplace and Tradeshow (November 7-8)
- International Competition Pow Wow (November 7-8)
- Aboriginal Music Week (November 3-7)

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ABOUT MANITO AHBEE

Manito Ahbee – which means ‘where the Creator sits’ – honours a sacred site in Manitoba’s Whiteshell Provincial Park where Aboriginal people have gathered for hundreds of years to share teachings and wisdom. There are several petroforms at this site including one shaped like a turtle that represents Turtle Island, which is another name for North America. Manito Ahbee was recognized in 2008 with Travel Manitoba’s Tourism Award in the category of Aboriginal Tourism. The Board of Governors, staff and organizers of Manito Ahbee express deep gratitude for all participants, supporters and communities who have come together to make the festival what it is today. www.manitoahbee.com

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*** Media are invited to attend Manito Ahbee and the APCMA's ***

*** An application for accreditation is now available at www.manitoahbee.com ***