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## **CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA AT THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM**

CHM celebrates its first Cinco de Mayo event with music, dancing, and the perfect margarita

CHICAGO (May 1, 2009) – On Tuesday, May 5, the Chicago History Museum will take part in Cinco de Mayo festivities for the first time. In honor of this holiday, the Museum will provide live music, dancing, cocktails, appetizers and more. The fiesta begins at 7:00 p.m. and runs until 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the general public and \$20 for members; this price includes a complimentary cocktail.

Originally a day to celebrate the victory of the poorly-armed, outnumbered Mexican forces against the French military at the Battle of Puebla in 1862, Cinco de Mayo has become a full-blown celebration of Mexican heritage and culture around the world. The Museum's festivities start with a brief lecture explaining the significance of the holiday, followed by a drink-mixing demonstration with an expert Adobo Grill mixologist that will divulge tricks of the trade for blending (or shaking) an amazing margarita.

To continue the celebration, a mariachi band will entertain guests. All type of Mexican music will play as guests sample Adobo Grill's fresh, homemade guacamole, try a bottle of Mexican beer, and taste blanco, reposado, and anejo tequilas. Later, guests can indulge in the sweet decadence of Vosges-Haut Chocolat. Guests will learn that the flavors of tequila and chocolate make a superb match. The evening finishes off with dancing.

Reservations can be made by calling the Museum at 312.642.4600 or visiting the Museum on the web at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org). Tickets can also be purchased that evening at the Museum.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 adults with audio tour, \$12 seniors/students with audio tour, free for children 12 years and younger. General Admission is free on Mondays. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org). The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.