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THE INSIDERS VIEW OF CHINATOWN

Exhibition reveals the hidden side of Chinatown in a multimedia theatrical experience.

Exhibition extended through December 2011!

CHICAGO– The Chicago History Museum announces its first-ever multimedia theater experience. Driven by the personal stories of the people who made Chinatown their home and keep its traditions alive, *My Chinatown* provides visitors an insider's look at this unique and vibrant Chicago neighborhood. The exhibition has been extended through December 2011.

My Chinatown is a multimedia experience that features real people and real places, revealing a side of Chinatown most visitors do not see. Artifacts on loan from the community will highlight the neighborhood's past, however the primary collection pieces will be the voices of people who live, and work there providing an insiders view of this community. "The goal of this experience is to break through the façade and mystery of Chinatown," said Gary T. Johnson, Museum President. "This will be communicated in a way we've never done before, through object theater."

Each performance will runs 20 minutes with an intermission, rotating between highlighted artifacts on stage, personal recordings on video, and sounds of the neighborhood which help to immerse visitors into the community. Stories from people of all ages and professions will be shared, from herbalists dispensing age-old remedies to immigrants remembering what it was like when they first came to Chicago. One of Chicago's most recognizable neighborhoods will tell its most unfamiliar stories. The theater will accommodate approximately thirty people at a time, and will run continuously during Museum hours.

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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, 73, 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. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at 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.