Explore the culture, traditions, history and music of Asia and the South Pacific Islands during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Celebration May 13-14, 2017 at Museum of Discovery and Science.

Fort Lauderdale, FL – May 1, 2017 – In honor of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, the Museum of Discovery and Science is hosting its annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Celebration in collaboration with Polynesian Proud and sponsored by Children’s Services Council of Broward County. Visitors are invited explore the culture, traditions and history of these countries and their people. Special presentations, live music and demonstrations will take you on a journey to the Pacific islands of Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and Samoa and Asian countries including Japan, Philippines, and China.

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month --- a national celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law. A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island). Shows and activities are included with museum exhibits admission. For more information visit our website at mods.org.

Cultural Performances

- Live Music from Hawaii/Tahiti/Samoa
- Featured Performances by Polynesian Proud
- Palm Weaving and Lei Making
- Live Polynesian Drumming
- Samoan Fireknife Dance
- Poi Tasting

Special Appearances and Community Partners

- Polynesian Proud Productions, Inc.
- Big Kahuna Surf School
- Natya Marga Indian Dance
- Ronin Taiko Japanese Drums
- Joe Keit Kung Fu/Lion Dance
- Marie and Keefer (Japanese Calligraphy)
- Bird Lovers Club
- Origami Expert
- Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society
- Chinese Language Teachers Association FL (CLTA-FL)
- Nritya Surabhi School of Dance
ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE
The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films. Founded in 1976 as The Discovery Center, the nonprofit facility serves approximately 400,000 visitors annually. Major operational support for the Museum is provided through generous support by Leadership Guild members including: JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Jet Blue and Wells Fargo.

The Museum is open seven days a week, 365 days a year; Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Combination Ticket prices are $21 for adults; $19 for seniors 65+; $16 for active/retired military personnel; $16 for children 2 to 12. Children under 2 are free. A Combination Ticket includes admission to the Museum exhibits and one classic 45-minute IMAX documentary movie. The Museum of Discovery and Science is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, visitors should call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit our web site at www.mods.org

ABOUT THE AUTONATION® IMAX 3D THEATER
The 300-seat theater AutoNation® IMAX 3D Theater, owned and operated by the Museum of Discovery and Science, opened in 1992. The science of cinema has been raised to the level of Magic at the AutoNation IMAX 3D Theatre now that IMAX with Laser is illuminating the six story screen by lasers. This new technology with dual 4K laser projectors has revolutionized the way we experience 3D films on the big screen. The new laser projector technology offers brighter images, intense colors, and incredible detail that will leave you in awe. There’s also a next-generation immersive 12-channel sound system featuring 114 speakers capable of 52,000 watts of digital sound. Whether it’s a pin drop or feeling the heart-palpitating force of a volcano, audiences will experience a new kind of visceral sound experience.

IMAX with Laser is a blend of science and art to deliver a cinema experience that suspends disbelief and transports audiences to new worlds. It’s the difference between watching a movie and being a part of one. The AutoNation IMAX 3D Theater is the only place in Florida where you can experience the power of IMAX with Laser and is one of only three Certified Giant Screen® theaters in Florida as certified by the Giant Screen Cinema Association. For show times call 954.463.IMAX (4629) or visit www.mods.org.

ABOUT CHILDREN’S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
The mission of the CSC is to empower Broward’s children to become responsible, productive adults capable of realizing their full potential, their hopes and their dreams. Since being created by the voters of Broward County in 2000, we have funded hundreds of programs that serve children and families in Broward.

We deliver these programs in partnership with dozens of trusted providers who are held to the highest standards of service delivery, like pre-school and afterschool programs; programs for children and youth with special needs; programs for grandparents raising their grandchildren; programs that empower young adults to become leaders and embark on a life of success, and programs that help youth who have committed minor offences back onto the right path.
The CSC works with Community Partners to help “Turn the Curve” in a positive direction on issues like: Maternal and Child Health, Family Strengthening, After-School and Out-of-School Time, Kinship Care, Youth Leadership, Advocacy and Employment, Support for Youth and Families with Special Needs.

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