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HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASADENA – CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

<p>SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 11, 2011, 12:00-7:00 pm at Pasadena Museum of History</p>

What better way to honor Pasadena's birthday than with a community-wide gathering spotlighting the City's richly diverse population, organizations and talent?

On Saturday, June 11, from 12:00 – 7:00 pm, Pasadena Museum of History, in partnership with the City of Pasadena and a number of local individuals, businesses, and community organizations, will host a festival to celebrate Pasadena's 125th birthday.

The free event on the Museum's beautiful grounds will offer food, entertainment, and fun for all ages. A special birthday cake created by talented pastry chefs from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts will highlight the festivities, with the Mayor on hand to help blow out the candles and cut the first slice.

The not-to-be-missed entertainment will include nonstop live music, dance, and storytelling on the special Garden Stage; hands-on family-oriented crafts workshops, and history presentations spotlighting some of Pasadena's best-known businesses/personalities. Visitors can satisfy their appetites and discover some of the area's favorite dishes at the Food Patio, where local restaurants will offer a variety of tasty dishes inspired by the region's diverse cultures, including Latino, Japanese, Chinese, Armenian, and European.

Happy Birthday Pasadena was inspired by the landmark 2009 PMH exhibition *Family Stories: Sharing a Community's Legacy* to continue the Museum's efforts to spotlight the contributions of a broader cross-section of the people in this region than is generally presented in City histories. *Family Stories* not only presented visual documentation of the diversity that has marked the region's population statistics since the late 1800s, but also the important contributions of each group within the citizenry and the dynamic interaction among them. As Pasadena Museum of History's ongoing efforts to continue searching out and celebrating grassroots history, the Pasadena Birthday Party has become an annual event.

ADMISSION: Free entry & parking; fees for select refreshments.

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