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Connect with China! at ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum

Ashland, Oregon – January 26, 2010 – St. Mary's School and ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum in Ashland offer southern Oregon a glimpse into Chinese art, culture, science, and language through the state-of-the-art *Connect with China* exhibit. This exciting experience mirrors the world renowned interactive *Exploratorium* exhibition housed at the Hanban Headquarters in Beijing. The new exhibit includes seven hands-on displays along with artifacts from the Southern Oregon Historical Society and St. Mary's Confucius Classroom all in combination to truly bring China to southern Oregon. Become a cast member in the virtual Beijing opera house, hear the sounds of traditional Chinese musical instruments, learn to draw Chinese characters, and explore ancient Chinese thinkers, science, and technology. *Connect with China* will be on display until April 15, 2010.

Join us for the Grand Opening on February 20, 2010 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Events include traditional Chinese dancers, paper cutting demonstrations, face painting, ancient science and medicine and other activities for the whole family. All this FREE with admission or membership.

This vibrant exhibit is provided by the Confucius Classroom at St. Mary's School in partnership with Hanban, the parent organization of Confucius Institutes and classrooms, and a branch of the Chinese Ministry of Education.

ScienceWorks is a fun, engaging science center where young and old can learn and explore the world around them. The innovative museum features interactive exhibits, an outdoor garden, live science shows and dynamic programs year-round. ScienceWorks offers educational programs for students and teachers, as well as public programs including workshops, lectures, birthday parties, summer festivals and science camps. ScienceWorks is located at 1500 E. Main St. in Ashland.

For more information about the grand opening event and *Connect with China*, visit www.scienceworksmuseum.org or call (541) 482-6767.

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