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GLOBE PRESENTS GRINCH FAMILY EXPERIENCE

ON NOVEMBER 15

SAVE THE DATE FOR EXCITING FAMILY EVENT TO BENEFIT GLOBE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

San Diego – The Old Globe is pleased to present the **Grinch Family Experience**, an enchanting family celebration for the children (5-12 year olds) and their parents to take place on **November 15, 2003**. The event will combine a matinee performance of the Globe's favorite holiday production, Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, preceded by a series of hands-on interactive theatrical activities and a special luncheon. All proceeds will support the theatre training and education programs for young people.

The festivities will begin at **11:30am**, with fun activities taking place in the Globe's rehearsal studios in the House of Charm, where children will experience on an intimate scale interactive elements of how a production is mounted, including scenic design (miniature *Who* houses), props (balls & scooters as used in the production), costumes (hats, masks & finger puppets), stage movement (juggling scarves & stage combat) and music (learning a song). Lunch will feature a fun kids menu, and at **2:00pm** patrons will attend a performance of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* in the Old Globe Theatre. In addition to priority theatre seating, VIP ticket holders will also be treated to an on-stage meet & greet and photo with the Grinch cast, as well as a workshop in the theatre following the performance, to learn the popular "Whatcha-Ma-Who" dance featured in the production.

"This new event will be much more than a regular fundraiser," said Globe Executive Director, Louis G. Spisto, "it will be a great opportunity for families to learn the art of theatre through interactive programs in the wonderful rehearsal studios that our audiences never get to see, while building a new annual tradition that serves young people and families."

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This exciting event will launch the Globe's celebration of the **Seussentennial**, In commemoration of what would have been Mr. Geisel's 100th birthday on March 4, 2004, The Old Globe will join in a yearlong tribute, in conjunction with Dr. Seuss Enterprises, to honor the man known and loved by generations of Americans as Dr. Seuss. The Globe's celebratory events will kick off with the Grinch Family Experience and continue throughout the year with various Seuss activities, including celebrity readings and various other outreach initiatives to promote literacy. The Globe will also be continuing its annual **Seussabration** event and other programs that provide over 4000 free tickets to children and families in the community to see *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*.

Audrey Geisel ("Mrs. Dr. Seuss") will serve as the Honorary Chair of the event, with Joe Benoit serving as Chairman. Tickets start at \$125 for adults; \$75 for children (12 and under); tables start at \$1000. VIP tickets are \$250 adults; \$150 children (12 and under); VIP Tables: \$2000. For more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Old Globe at (619) 231-1941, x2322 or GrinchFamilyExperience@TheOldGlobe.org.

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