



272 Pearl Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504-5371

Telephone: 616.456.3977
Fax: 616.456.3873

www.grmuseum.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Kristy Harrington
616/456-3519
kharrington@grcity.us

**Public Museum's *Front Row for the Fireworks* Offers Exciting
Pre-Dusk Activities and Breathtaking View of the Main Event**

Grand Rapids, MI (June 2, 2008) – The Public Museum's tenth annual July 4th fundraiser offers a great evening's worth of entertainment for the ticket price. Guests can enjoy the wonder of the Museum for a few hours while awaiting the night's big attraction, the city's annual patriotic, pyrotechnic tribute.

Front Row for the Fireworks begins at 7 pm on July 4th at the Museum on the corner of Front and Pearl Streets downtown, and runs through the fireworks finale around 11 pm. Inside the Museum guests can while away the time before dusk with carousel rides, planetarium shows and organ concerts. The Café will serve \$5 hamburger, pizza and hot dog Meal Deal Specials, drinks and ice cream novelties. A cash bar will be open. As darkness falls, visitors can stay inside in air-conditioned comfort or head outside to the carousel walkway or the enclosed lawn seating area. Either option provides an amazing view of the fireworks as they explode over the Grand River.

Member ticket sales (\$10/adults and \$5/children) began May 15th. Ticket sales open to the general public (\$15/ adults and \$7.50/children) June 2nd. Guaranteed Museum ramp parking passes are available in conjunction with ticket purchases for \$10. Proceeds from this event support programs of the Public Museum.

Museum staff is once again working with Bethany Christian Services, Lutheran Social Services, St. John's Home and D.A. Blodgett Homes to bring kids who might otherwise not be able to attend downtown to enjoy the festivities. Ticket purchasers may sponsor a child with a \$10 event/meal ticket donation.

For tickets, call 616/456-3977, stop by the Museum front desk or go to grmuseum.org. The Public Museum is a collections-based educational organization that explores and celebrates the world and our place in it. Hours are Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. General admission is Adults \$8, Seniors \$7, Children \$3. Members are free.