

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Don't Miss the Final Weekend for Curious George and Friends and See How Animators from Project Firefly Animation Studios Bring Curious George to Life  
ORLANDO, FL

As one chapter of "Curious George" comes to a close, another one prepares for opening. During the final weekend of the picture book exhibition Curious George and Friends, August 27 and 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Orlando Museum of Art (OMA), visitors have a rare opportunity to watch artists from Project Firefly Animation Studios demonstrate the artistic process of creating a character for the upcoming movie "Curious George," scheduled to open on February 10, 2006. Then, get one last look at the exhibition Curious George and Friends before it closes.

### **About Project Firefly Animation Studios**

Project Firefly Animation Studios was formed by a key group of veteran talent from the former Walt Disney Feature Animation Florida Studio. They offer a full-service animation studio providing 2-D and 3-D animation and artwork for theatrical and video releases, television series, commercials, interactive/internet media, children's books and educational films.

### **About the Movie**

Based on the children's book character Curious George, Universal Pictures and Imagine Entertainment bring the enchanting chimp to the big screen in "Curious George," a traditionally animated movie directed by Matthew O'Callaghan. Will Ferrell stars as the voice for The Man in the Yellow Hat, a gentleman who looks after his pet monkey -- an inquisitive creature whose enthusiasm often gets the best of him. The cast also includes performances by Drew Barrymore and Dick Van Dyke, among others.

### **About the Exhibition**

Curious George and Friends showcases original artwork and memorabilia and celebrates the enduring popularity of the Curious George books created by H.A. and Margret Rey. The exhibition includes fascinating behind-the-scenes artwork from early drawings and sketches to full-color illustrations and dummy pages from the books. Among the highlights of Curious George and Friends are full-color drawings for the seven original "Curious George" titles, as well as selections for other popular Rey books such as "Cecily G. and the 9 Monkeys," "Katy No-Pocket," "Elizabite" and "Whiteblack the Penguin Sees the World." This exhibition is organized by Houghton Mifflin Company and is drawn from the holdings of the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection at The University of Southern Mississippi. Sponsors in Orlando include: Presenting Sponsor, Tamia and Grant Hill Foundation; Sustaining Sponsor, Leonard and Marjorie Williams; Sponsor, Baldwin Park; Sustaining Partners, Warren and Augusta Hume Foundation, Baker & Hostetler, LLP, Central Florida Educators' Federal Credit Union and Cornelia eiklejohn; Contributing Partner, Radio Disney AM 990 WDYZ; Partners, Community Foundation of Central Florida and Fairy Tales. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (55+), college students with ID and groups of 10 or more, \$5 for students ages 6-18, free for children age 5 and younger and OMA Members. The OMA is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.; and closed Mondays. The OMA is located in picturesque Orlando Loch Haven Park at 2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando, FL. For further information, call (407) 896-4231 or visit the OMA's web site at [www.OMArt.org](http://www.OMArt.org) <<http://www.OMArt.org>>.