



children's museum san diego museo de los niños

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY

*Downtown Children's Museum to Begin Construction  
of its New 50,000-Square-Foot Facility*

**March 23, 2003**—“This is a historical milestone for the Children's Museum San Diego, which with the closing of escrow today, will begin construction of its new 50,000-square-foot Museum, designed by Rob Wellington Quigley,” says Kay Wagner, the Museum's Executive Director. “After numerous delays, the very awaited new facility is soon to become a reality.”

The new facility will be located in the heart of Downtown San Diego, along Island Avenue, between Front and Union. The new Museum will face a new Children's Museum Park designed by Spurlock-Poirier. The Museum and park will be completed by early 2008.

The Children's Museum San Diego is a unique community resource, where children and their families can learn through the process of art making. This interactive arts center provides fun educational activities for children of all ages through programming designed to creatively expand the realization of a child's mind. Expansive art studios, a play theater, eight interactive indoor and outdoor exhibit galleries, the famous 1952 paintable truck and Cora's House will all be featured in the new Museum, with the addition of exiting new exhibits, a restaurant, a store and the latest amenities that will make this San Diego's newest and greatest architectural landmark.

Demolition of the existing facility will begin in a few days and a community-wide ground-breaking ceremony will gather San Diego's leaders in late May 2003.

During the two years of construction of a new Downtown facility, the Children's Museum continues to serve the public through outreach programming, traveling exhibits and special events. For more information about the Museum, its future plans and current programming please visit [childrensmuseumsd.org](http://childrensmuseumsd.org).

Architect Rob Quigley and the Museum's Executive Director, Kay Wagner, are available for interviews upon request.