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**RULAN TANGEN'S *DANCING EARTH*  
PERFORMS AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – 1PM TO 2PM**

*Informal workshop included. Opportunity for children  
to experience movement in ways that they may never have considered.*



**PHOENIX, AZ** (March 23, 2009) –  
The acclaimed *DANCING EARTH –  
Indigenous Contemporary Dance  
Creations*, brings 5 native guest  
performers to the Atrium of the  
**Children's Museum** to create a

spontaneous living ritual to mark the beginning of the Spring Equinox – a time  
of planetary balance and the heralding of new growth.

This special performance, presented courtesy of **ASU's Herberger College  
Department of Community Engagement**, takes place Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>,  
1pm to 2pm. **All ages are welcome.** The program is **free with paid admission**  
into the Museum (general admission \$9, children under the age of 1 are free).

Beginning with slow moving sculptural poses, the male and female dancers  
slowly paint each other with earth mineral paints in designs inspired by the  
elements. Once painted, the dancers create a rhythmic improvisational  
movement performance, rooted in the ancient wisdom of Native ecological

consciousness to become innovative and experimental forms reflective of contemporary life.

Finally, the audience is invited into the circle to participate in a sharing of music and dance, in a welcoming **informal workshop**, providing an incredible opportunity for children to experience movement in ways that they may never have considered before.

***DANCING EARTH*** is a long-envisioned dream of creator **Rulan Tangen**, springing to life in 2004 as an inspirational array of Indigenous intertribal contemporary dance artists under her leadership. Recently named by ***Dance Magazine*** as “One of the Top 25 to Watch” she balances a commitment to share dances with her inspiring home community of Santa Fe, with regional, national and international presentations. More information can be found at [www.dancingearth.org](http://www.dancingearth.org).

For more information about the March 29<sup>th</sup> performance at the Children's Museum, visit [www.ChildrensMuseumofPhoenix.org](http://www.ChildrensMuseumofPhoenix.org) or call the Museum's info line at 602.253.0501.

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*The Children's Museum of Phoenix is located in the historic Monroe School Building at 215 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Phoenix. The Museum opened to the public on June 14, 2008 and offers 35,000 square feet of hands-on, fun and educational activities for children ages birth to 10. The mission of the Museum is to engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the grown-ups who care about them. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9am to 4pm. Admission is \$9 per person, children under the age of 1 are free.*

*AzTAP Department of Services for Persons with Disabilities conducted an accessibility evaluation in August 2008 and summarized, “the Children's Museum of Phoenix is the most exceptionally disability-aware arts institution this evaluator has ever surveyed.”*