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## **2009 Pasadena Art + Ideas Festival Line-up Announced for October 23-November 9**

### ***5th Biennial Festival showcases works from local arts, science, cultural groups***

PASADENA, CA--Pasadena Arts Council (PAC), organizer of the innovative Art & Ideas Festival, has announced the lineup of activities for the fifth biennial fall festival entitled "*Origins*." The festival, which will be held at various venues throughout the city from October 23 through November 9, 2009, is a multi-media collaborative of cutting-edge Pasadena arts, science, and cultural organizations.

"Pasadena is an incredibly rich nexus of arts, culture and science, so collaborating on an idea-based festival comes naturally to the partner institutions," said Terry LeMoncheck, PAC Executive Director.

This year's Festival includes a full array of theater, dance, music, visual art, poetry, film, interactive workshops and children's performances, as well as its popular "Ideas" component, a series of discussions and debates hosted by PAC and partners. The various events are woven together by the Festival's theme, "Origins," paying homage to Charles Darwin's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"Our theme is about much more than evolution in the strict sense – it's about exploring the idea of "the beginning," because as humans we have this need to understand how things started, where they come from," said LeMoncheck. "Exploring beginnings helps us take a peek into the future as well."

Highlights of the 2009 Festival include the world premiere of the Theatre @ Boston Court's *God Save Gertrude*, a musical examining the origins of political dissent; *Family Stories: Sharing a Community's Legacy* at Pasadena Museum of History, inspiring reflection one's own family's origins; and NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope Science Center/One Colorado's exploration of the origins of the universe including scientific demonstrations, "Ask an Astronomer", and spectacular cosmic imagery.

Partner organizations presenting include: Armory Center for the Arts; Brehm Center at Fuller Theological Seminary; Boston Court Performing Arts Center; Gamble House; Huntington Library; Lineage Dance; One Colorado; Pasadena City College; Pasadena Museum of California Art; Pasadena Museum of History; Pasadena Public Library; Pasadena Symphony; Shumei Arts Council; Spitzer Science Center at Caltech; Williamson Gallery at Art Center College of Design.

A large percentage of the Art & Ideas events will be FREE. Tickets for some events will sold separately at the venue. Please visit the individual Festival partner websites through our Festival Partners & Programs page for detailed information.

For complete information and a comprehensive list of all events, visit [www.artideasfestival.org](http://www.artideasfestival.org).