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Say Farewell to the Manitoba Children's Museum in Style!

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Winnipeg, MB – The **Manitoba Children's Museum** invites local media to join us as we close our doors with a two-day flurry of fun and festivity at the **See Ya Later, Alligator! Farewell Parties** on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11 from 6:00 – 9:00PM.

As the **Children's Museum** is now closed for major renovations as part of the **Under Construction Capital Campaign**, these parties will be the last chance for museum guests to:

- Slide down the giant oak tree
- Bid adieu to departing train passengers from the vintage train station
- Broadcast a final news report from the TV studio
- Dig up some fun with the much-loved back hoe
- And more!

Special guest entertainment and activities run all night long and include:

- Mix and mingle with live reptiles from Westman Reptile Gardens & Winnipeg Reptiles
 including a real alligator!
- Watch Chris Madden juggle fire in the courtyard (weather permitting)
- Be spellbound by the magic of **Evan Morgan**
- Stop and say hi to the Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches
- Catch a performance by entertainers Alphabet Soup (Friday night) or musician Jake Chenier (Saturday night)
- Create your own alligator craft to take home as a souvenir
- Enjoy free snacks for all guests and goodie bags for all children
- Meet ChooChoo, the Children's Museum mascot
- And more!

Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased in advance at the museum or by calling 924-4000.

Museum staff will be in attendance and available for interviews. If you are planning to attend or would like more information or photo opportunities in advance for this event, please call the number below.

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