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**Chevron Family Theatre Festival Invites the Community to Lesher Center for a Day of World-Class Entertainment & Activities**

*Nationally renowned entertainers to perform in the Lesher Center's three theatres throughout the day, while outdoor festival provides activities, entertainment, food and more!*

**WALNUT CREEK, CA. May 21, 2007** — The City of Walnut Creek, Lesher Center for the Arts and the Diablo Regional Arts Association have joined resources to welcome the community to a day of affordable, world-class family entertainment. The inaugural *Chevron Family Theatre Festival*, happening **Saturday July 28, 2007 from 10am to 4pm**, will provide a day for families to come together for a unique theatre experience. Children and their families will be able to spend a day at the Lesher Center, enjoying entertainment outside, as well as inside all three of the Center's theatres.

Thanks to the generosity of Chevron and other sponsors, the Lesher Center's three theatres and lobbies, as well as surrounding outdoor areas and streets will be used to showcase professional, high-quality family theatre performances and activities. Tickets for performances go on sale May 31 and will be \$5/each, sold in advance at **LesherARTSCenter.org**, by calling 925.943.SHOW or in-person at the Lesher Center Box Office. In addition, an array of free activities, booths and entertainment will also surround the outside of the Center. Walnut Creek Mayor Sue Rainey and Chevron General Manager of Corporate Public Policy Gary Fisher will serve as honorary co-chairs.

"Ashland has Shakespeare, Sundance has films, Walnut Creek has the Family Theatre Festival," said Lesher Center General Manager Scott Denison. "While providing children and families with a unique and exciting opportunity to enjoy an exceptional day of performance theatre, the Center and its programs will gain prominence as THE destination for an exceptional arts and entertainment experience. This one-of-a-kind event promises to become a staple of Bay Area family theatre for years to come."

<b>Chevron Family Theatre Festival Performance Schedule</b> <i>Shows run 45 – 50 minutes</i>	<b>Performance Times</b>
<b>The Sippy Cups:</b> The Sippy Cups, popular among kids and parents alike, perform a high-energy rock show for families, and have sold out venues locally and across the country. Recent shows include the SF Giants Kids' Opening Day at AT&T Park, and The House of Blues at Disneyland.	Noon 3:00 p.m.
<b>Leslie Carrara of <i>The Muppets</i>:</b> Leslie, a former Fantasy Forum member, now performs regularly with her puppets on <i>Sesame Street</i> and Disney's <i>Johnny and the Sprites</i> .	11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
<b>Rosen Family Singers:</b> Boston's Rosen Family will celebrate the work of the late Gary Rosen who created the family favorite <i>Teddy Bear Picnic</i> .	10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
<b>Actlvated Storytellers:</b> New York-based Actlvated Storytellers are a whirlwind of action, incorporating a wide variety of performance art skills to entertain, dazzle and educate.	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
<b>Fantasy Forum Actors Ensemble:</b> Nationally recognized Fantasy Forum will perform its hit, <i>The Crimson Pirate</i>	10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
<b>Many more performances and activities outside the Center</b>	Free All Day