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SECOND CHANCE TO BUILD A FUTURE...
LEGOLAND® CALIFORNIA INVITES PUBLIC TO VOTE BACK
ONE MODEL BUILDER CONTENDER

Fan favorite to join other finalists for the final build-off on May 23, 2006

CARLSBAD, Calif. (May 1, 2006) – With just one city left on the seven-city nationwide search for a new LEGOLAND® California Model Builder, the family theme park has decided to give seven applicants a second chance at the job of a lifetime.

“We had a tough time deciding on finalists in all of the cities as there were so many creative and impressive models created in such a limited time,” said Patrick DeMaria, manager of the Model Shop at LEGOLAND California. “When we returned from Dallas, the five members of the Model Shop team looked at photos of all the candidates so far with their completed models and decided we should give a few of them another chance to compete.”

Laurel Wimberg from Baltimore, MD, Shawn McManus from Frisco, TX, Anna Alvarez from Long Beach, CA, Norbert Labuguen from Long Beach, CA, Matthew Clayson from San Diego, CA, Philip McGaughy from San Francisco, CA and Robin Dodd from Salinas, CA now vie to come to the final build-off event on May 23, 2006 and compete for the coveted spot as the sixth Model Builder at LEGOLAND California.

To see the applicants with their completed models and cast a vote, log onto www.LEGOLANDModelBuilder.com and click on the “Second Chance” icon. Voting begins May 1 and concludes a week later. LEGOLAND California will announce the results on Monday, May 8, 2006. The applicant with the highest percentage of votes will be invited to compete in the ultimate build-off at the Park on May 23.

The current team of Park Model Builders design, build and maintain the more than 15,000 LEGO models that make LEGOLAND California a one-of-a-kind vacation destination. In each city, candidates for this dream job were given a 10-pound bucket full of assorted LEGO play materials and had just one hour to create a pirate-themed model.

“We recently announced the largest expansion in LEGOLAND California’s seven year history. Pirate Shores opens June 21 with four new water play attractions. This addition requires incredible minds to help create the whimsical and charismatic LEGO® models that delight our guests,” said Julie Estrada, LEGOLAND spokesperson. “We’ve seen some incredible candidates on the tour and we’re excited to see more talent come to life at our final event in Chicago.”

The nationwide search kicked off in February at LEGOLAND California, then headed to The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles, The Art Institute of California – San Francisco, The Art Institute of Phoenix, The Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and The Art Institute of Dallas. The final stop on the search is Tuesday, May 2 at The Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago.

LEGOLAND® California is a 128-acre interactive theme park dedicated to families with children between the ages of two and 12. Just like with LEGO® play materials, kids are the ones who create the action at the Park. They drive, pedal, squirt, climb, jump, stomp, slide, steer, pull, click, push, gallop, laugh, build and program their way through more than 50 rides, shows and attractions. There are three other LEGOLAND Parks in the world – LEGOLAND Billund in Denmark, LEGOLAND Windsor outside of London and LEGOLAND Deutschland near Günzburg, Germany. The LEGOLAND theme parks are a part of Merlin Entertainments Group. For the most current information, log on to www.LEGOLAND.com or call (760) 918-LEGO.

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