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LEGOLAND® CALIFORNIA CHOOSES TWO MODEL BUILDER SEARCH FINALISTS FROM NEW YORK CITY

Both head to the family theme park in May for final build-off competition

NEW YORK CITY, NY (March 24, 2006) – Two finalists were chosen today at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City in the nationwide search for the next LEGOLAND® California Model Builder. Dennis White from Brooklyn, NY and Steven DeCraemer from Vienna, VA have advanced to the final build-off at the San Diego theme park May 23, 2006. They are vying for only one open position on the LEGOLAND Model Builder team. The next job search stop is Dallas on Monday, April 10.

Applicants were given a bucket to fill with 10-pounds of assorted LEGO® play materials of their choice and had just one hour to create a pirate-themed model in honor of the Park's newest attraction, Pirate Shores, opening this summer. DeCraemer and White were chosen based on their ability to design and create lifelike models in 3-D using only standard LEGO elements. The current team of Model Builders at LEGOLAND California design, build and maintain the more than 15,000 LEGO models that make LEGOLAND California a one-of-a-kind vacation destination.

There are a mere 20 Model Builders at all four LEGOLAND Parks. Five of them work at LEGOLAND California. Coming from various backgrounds and skills, they all have two things in common: They use every ounce of creativity in their daily work and they're passionate about it.

Today's event was the fifth of seven stops throughout the United States. The tour continues to Dallas and Chicago. Applicants interested in the job of a lifetime or following the progress of the Model Builder Search, log onto www.LEGOLANDModelBuilder.com.

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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