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**Connecticut Science Center Celebrates Animation**  
***March 3<sup>rd</sup> Event Showcases Art and Science***

**Hartford, CT-** March 1, 2012- The Connecticut Science Center and the Greater Hartford Arts Council have partnered to present an exciting event that will delight families and animation fans of all ages on Saturday, March 3. “Celebrate the Art and Science of Animation” is unique event that will feature a full-day of fun, including well known children’s book authors, caricature artists, drawing workshops, tons of hands-on activities and the wildly popular *Animation* Exhibit. This collaborative and innovative event integrates science, art and pop culture.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Connecticut Science Center to welcome visitors from all across the region to experience the fascinating intersection of art and science,” said Cathy Malloy, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Hartford Arts Council. “Animation is a collaborative discipline that requires creativity, ingenuity and scientific precision—we are excited to celebrate an art form that employs both left- and right-brain thinking.”

Visitors will not want to miss the chance to meet Award Winning Author and Photographer, Walter Wick. The Hartford-based author will be greeting fans and signing books, including his newest picture puzzle book in the “*Can You See What I See?*” series, *Toyland Express*, available for purchase in the Science Center’s gift shop. The Science Center is home to select Walter Wick picture puzzles, on permanent display as part of the KidSpace Gallery on the Lobby Level. Wick is also a member of the Science Center Board of Trustees.

Along with the day’s activities, participants will have the opportunity to craft Doodle 4 Google™ 2012 contest entries at a special Google-facilitated workshop in the Science Center’s “Science Alley”. This workshop is part of a national endeavor to encourage students grades K-12 to celebrate and harness their creativity. Art supplies will be provided.

This day will also be one of the last opportunities to view the Science Center’s current traveling exhibit, *Animation*, which will be closing on March 11. The *Animation* exhibit, sponsored by a sizable gift from First Niagara, has been enjoyed by more than 110,000 visitors and features characters from the Cartoon Network.

Schedule of Event Activities:

10AM – 5PM: Connecticut Science Center and Animation Exhibit Open

10AM – 12PM: Teresa M. Pelham, Author, and Dina Marie Pratt, Illustrator, of “Roxy’s Forever Home”

11AM – 4PM: “Photogram” Laboratory Workshops (on the hour)

11AM – 2PM: Caricature Artists, Bill and Dori Dougal

12PM – 3PM: Award Winning Author and Photographer, Walter Wick – Meet & Greet and Book Signing

12PM – 4PM: Doodle 4 Google™ 2012 Workshop

Entry to the event and activities is included free with the purchase of general admission or a Connecticut Science Center Membership. Let\*s GO Arts! Members who present their membership card will receive 15% off general

admission to the event. Activities are subject to change and based on availability. For more information about the Doodle 4 Google™ 2012 Contest, visit [google.com/doodle4google](http://google.com/doodle4google). For information about the Connecticut Science Center and the “Celebrate the Art and Science of Animation” event, visit [www.ctsciencecenter.org](http://www.ctsciencecenter.org).

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**About the Connecticut Science Center** The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Visitors experience over 150 exhibits in ten galleries and a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children’s gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store and café, and ongoing events and lectures for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. More information: [www.CTScienceCenter.org](http://www.CTScienceCenter.org) or 860.SCIENCE.