



## MCM Partners Signature Event, *Ignite the Night: Lunar New Year*, to be held at the Mississippi Children's Museum

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### MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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**Jackson, Miss.** - On Saturday, February 10, 2024, MCM Partners will be celebrating the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) through their biggest fundraising event, *Ignite the Night: Lunar New Year!*

Every February, adults are given permission to play after hours at the Mississippi Children's Museum during its signature fundraising event, *Ignite the Night*. Each gallery comes to life with festive food, mesmerizing music, and amusing activities. Hosted by the Mississippi Children's Museum Partners, a group of volunteers and donors who support the museum, this is not your typical party. It is imaginative, entertaining, and, most importantly, fun!

MCM Partners invite museum guests to join in a grand Lunar New year celebration as we usher in the "Year of the Dragon." Guests will be transported to an ancient time of mystery and wonder. Enter the mouth of the dragon and enjoy the vibrant décor of the season along with some true culinary delicacies. See what luck this new year will bring as you cast your bids in our silent auction, then dance the night away with some mystical, magical guests. Make Plans now to join us for this special time in this special place. Here is to a very happy and healthy Year of the Dragon!

By supporting MCM Partner's signature fundraiser, *Ignite the Night: Lunar New Year*, you are helping the museum in its mission to create unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. Proceeds from the event provide critical funding for the museum's operations, including ongoing exhibit and program needs. Purchase your tickets online: <https://one.bidpal.net/ignitethenight2024>

#### **Ignite the Night Sponsors:**

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**2024 Ignite the Night Committee:**

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**About the Mississippi Children's Museum**

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. MCM's two award-winning museums in Jackson and Meridian collectively offer over 100,000-square feet of exhibits and educational programming designed around five primary initiatives, Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. MCM offers exceptional resources for children, families, and educators through The LIFT, traveling exhibits and programs, community outreach, *Launch into Learning* afterschool program, professional development for educators, and innovative literacy and language development programs: *Talk from the Start and Reach Out and Read*. MCM is honored to have received an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the Mississippi Tourism Association Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year, and USA Today's '10Best Travel Award for Best Children's Museum. To learn more about MCM visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

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