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Earthquake Rocks State Capitol, 1906 Style

1906 Earthquake Living History Day

Where: *California State Capitol Museum*, on 10th Street between "L" and "N" Streets, Sacramento

When: Saturday, April 18, 2009

Tours are every 15 minutes from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 15 people/tour

Special Events Admission: Free

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STATE CAPITOL -- Earthquakes shake, rattle and roll California almost daily, but none are quite as memorable as "the Big One," the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire. On Saturday, April 18, 2009 that earth shattering day will be replayed by California State Capitol Museum docents during the 1906 Earthquake Living History Day.

The guided tours will run every 15 minutes from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Witness paid and volunteer staff of the State Capitol Museum costumed in the attire of the period as they re-enact scenes in response to one of America's greatest disasters- 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire.

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Visitors will greet California Governor George Pardee as he receives a telegram from President Theodore Roosevelt offering the huge sum of \$1million for disaster relief. Attorney General Ulysses S. Webb, Secretary of State Charles Curry, and Treasurer Truman Reeves will be on hand to help the refugees, some of whom camped out on the Capitol grounds and at Sutter's Fort. Meet the women of Sacramento who assisted the San Francisco refugee families to obtain meal tickets, clothing and blankets.

This glimpse into turn-of-the-20th Century California history is free for everyone. Due to the intimate size of the historic rooms within the Capitol, tour sizes will be capacity controlled at 15 people per tour.

Governor Pardee, his cabinet and turn-of-the 19th century community members will bring early California's rich history alive. Most characters and historical figures are portrayed by the State Capitol Museum Docents, a part of California State Parks. Re-live the sights, smells and sounds of the past! Interested time-travelers can call (916) 324-0333 for further event information or to join the Living History Program as a volunteer docent.

Photo Note: Governor Pardee confers with staff played by State Capitol Museum docents.

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About the California State Capitol Museum

The California State Capitol Museum is operated by California State Parks under contract to and supported by the California State Legislature. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for guided and self-guided tours of the Capitol Building and its extensive outdoor gardens. The Museum is located in the California State Capitol, in downtown Sacramento on 10th Street between L and N Streets. For more information, call (916) 324-0333 or visit www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov .