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**UNLOCK THE PUZZLE AND PUT YOUR BRAINPOWER TO THE
TEST IN *MINDBENDER MANSION*!**

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Tampa, Fla. (July 14, 2009) – *Mindbender Mansion* is an eclectic place full of puzzles, brainteasers, and interactive challenges guaranteed to test the brain power and problem solving skills of even the most experienced puzzlers. Adults and children alike will enjoy exercising their minds as they try to master each of the 40 individual brain teasers and the five group activities in this fun and unconventional new exhibit opening October 3 at Tampa's Museum of Science & Industry.

Visitors to *Mindbender Mansion* will be greeted by the wacky Mr. E, master brainteaser and puzzler extraordinaire, and current curator of the Mindbender Society. He will explain the mysteries of *Mindbender Mansion* and how to become a member of the eccentric Mindbender Society by gathering hidden clues and secret passwords. The clues can only be found by solving key puzzles found in select themed areas. Throughout the exhibit visitors will find a combination of tabletop brainteasers they can solve on their own and larger group challenges that require assistance from their fellow mansion guests.

The group challenges include:

- **Feeding Frenzy**-Kitchen mayhem is guaranteed in a race to beat the clock by filling T.V. dinner trays (with five kinds of food) on a fast moving conveyor belt.
- **Flying Machine**-Solid teamwork is a must in order to maneuver a mechanical flying machine" around a large game board hitting six targets in sequence before the time is up.
- **Spelling Fever**-Hopscotch meets Scrabble® in this race to spell correct words within a limited amount of time by hopping on letter squares that light up.
- **Move and Match**-Dinner time was never this much fun! Slide your dining room chairs on wheels into a correct pattern before the clock runs out.
- **Amazing Maze**-In this version of the classic steel ball labyrinth game visitors must work together to tilt a table in different directions, guiding a ball into six holes as quickly as possible.

Upon completing each of the select brainteasers and group challenges, visitors will have gathered the necessary clues and secret passwords to become a member of the Mindbender Society and add their portrait to the "Wall of Fame." *Mindbender Mansion* was produced and is toured by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Oregon © 2009.

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