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## **TAKE A 'FREE FALL' INTO THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE!**

*"Free Fall" event includes free admission and free bus transportation – tickets available Oct 1*

Baltimore (September 29, 2006) – It's "Free Fall" at the National Aquarium in Baltimore! The Aquarium is delighted to take part in the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts' "Free Fall Baltimore" program, and invite children and their families for an evening of discovery, aquatic adventures and reading from 6 -9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to visiting the Aquarium's 16,000 animals, young readers and their families can listen as staff members and volunteers read aloud from aquatic-themed children's books throughout the evening. As well, every ticket to the event includes a MTA pass for free bus transportation on October 18. This Free Fall event is offered in partnership with the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Maryland Transit Authority.

The Aquarium event is free, **but tickets are required** and are limited to a first come, first served basis. Tickets to the event are available starting October 1 and must be obtained in person (sorry, no web distribution) at:

- Seven branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library including Central Branch, Govans, Hamilton, Light Street, Northwood, Patterson Park and Canton; or
- The Aquarium's offices, located in the Candler Building at 111 Market Place, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are available in packets that include five tickets to the event and five bus passes, and are limited to two packets of tickets – ten tickets and ten bus passes – per person.

This Free Fall Baltimore event is made possible through a grant from the Creative Baltimore Fund. Free Fall Baltimore is a new arts initiative designed to make art and culture more accessible to area residents and visitors while introducing young adults and families to a wide variety of cultural experiences. More than 70 organizations have received grant money to

present some 175 free events during Arts & Humanities Month in October and extending through November of 2006.

For more information on this Free Fall event at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, visit [www.aqua.org](http://www.aqua.org) or call 410-576-3800. Information about Free Fall Baltimore events around the city is available by contacting the Baltimore Office or Promotion & the Arts at 410-752-8632 or visiting [www.freefallbaltimore.com](http://www.freefallbaltimore.com).

The National Aquarium in Baltimore, a non-profit organization, is Baltimore's leading attraction, hosting more than 1.6 million visitors per year. The Aquarium's mission is to connect people with aquatic life in order to create a better world for both. It is dedicated to education and conservation through more than a dozen programs that serve the environment and the community.

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